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The Amendments of the Senate Not Concurred In.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

LETTERS-OF-MARQUE.

The vote in the Senate to-day on the bill authorizing the President to grant letters-of-marque and reprisal was not strictly marked by party lines, and included in the opposing minority the names of Messrs. DAVIS, HARLAN, SUMNER and TRUMBULL.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The House to-day has surprised the public, as it has by its decided majority in favor of the admission to seats of the Louisiana claimants, than by its summary action on the Loan bill. The first result was insured by the able speeches of Mr. HAHN, one of the claimants, and Mr. DAWES; the second was certainly not expected to occur to-day—it having been understood that the Bank bill should take precedence. The House has agreed to all the Senate amendments of the Loan bill, except those vital changes which determine the vote of the Banking minority. The convertibility clause is adhered to, and the amendment rejected which makes the Interest-bearing Treasury notes a legal tender. The provision for $100,000,000 legal tender notes is reinserted, and the coupons of Government bonds made receivable for Customs for thirty days previous to their maturity. The Senate amendment taxing bank circulation, is rejected, and the original provision restored, and deposits are permitted to be made with the Banks at first provided.

THE OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS.

There are indications that the Copperheads in Congress mean to delay, and, if possible, defeat important measures yet pending in Congress as the session lag. Half the more important bills of the session are yet dangling in one or the other House, including some of the Appropriation bills, the Conscription act, all the financial measures, Banking bill, Missouri Emancipation act, and the like.

NIGHT SESSIONS.

The House has agreed to have night sessions. This gives hopes of working off a portion of the unfinished business.

PURCHASE OF REBEL LANDS.

The Senate Military Committee have instructed their Chairman to report a bill authorizing the Tax Collectors in the insurrectionary Districts to purchase at the tax sales such lands as the President may designate as being needed for military and other Government uses.

LEAGUE ISLAND AND NEW-LONDON.

The struggle between New-London and League Island for the new Navy-yard, which lately bid fair to defeat both belligerents in their objects, has finally been terminated by a compromise. It is understood that both cities are to be selected, with an appropriation of a quarter of a million dollars for each. An appropriation is also to be made for a Navy-yard in the West, the site to be selected by the President. St. Louis is understood to be the place.

AFFAIRS AT CHARLESTON.

A gentleman recently from Charleston, and who escaped through the rebel lines, states that large numbers of troops have recently been collected there to defend the city, and that the citizens have generally left, in anticipation of an attack from the National troops. The means of defence are very formidable, and he thinks the city cannot be captured without a severe struggle. A sortie recently took place, in which several North Carolina Regiments were engaged, and the ringleaders shot by order of Hampton. The city is strongly fortified on all sides but the west, and supplied with iron-clads to defend the harbor. Two of these are destitute of machinery—probably those for which the engines were designed which we captured on the *Princess Royal*.

THE BRITISH AT CHARLESTON.

Officers from Fort Royal complain bitterly of the fact that two British men-of-war are permitted to go at pleasure in and out of Charleston harbor. The officers of one of these vessels, they say, have been notorious for acting as go-betweens for the rebels in Charleston and their agents in Nassau; and it is strongly suspected that the object of the present visit of both vessels is to carry off the million and a half of gold now known to be lying there for payment for arms and munitions of war in Europe.

THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

The report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War will soon be made, consisting only of evidence taken and a synopsis of the same. The testimony is very voluminous.

THE MISSOURI EMANCIPATION BILL.

The friends of emancipation in Missouri fear that the fate of HENDERSON's bill has been sealed by the injudicious insertion of a direct appropriation, which compels its reference in the House to the Committee of the Whole. At this stage of the session, sending a bill to the Committee of the Whole is about equivalent to burying it. The bill may possibly be rescued, but the chances are against it.

SPECULATIONS IN COTTON.

The speculation in cotton, as practiced by our officers in the Southwest, is becoming an evil of the great magnitude sought to render public notice. Great Constitutionals has already resulted; and the attention of the Government to effectually the evil have not been taken a moment too soon. Some months since, a Court was ordered for the purpose of trying a Major-General then and now in command of an important Western Department; and it has remained a mystery why the proceedings were stopped.

A bill has been prepared by a Government officer, designed to terminate these corrupt practices; but so strong is the cotton influence swayed against the reform, that its success is very doubtful.

One or more high officers in the Southwest have already been relieved from command, and evidence in report at Memphis, that the Commissioners, recently ordered for that purpose, may look into their cotton speculating proclivities.

CHEROKEE COUNCIL.

Commissioner DOLE held an interview, or "Council," yesterday, with eight of the chiefs and head men of the Chippewas, who came here to lay their grievances before the Government. Several of the chiefs made speeches to the Commissioner, which were translated into English by their Interpreter. Commissioner DOLE told them that their complaints should be examined, and that in future the annuities should not occur. The Indians, as an evidence of their friendship for the Commissioner, presented him with an elaborately ornamented "calumet" and a tobacco pouch, made out of the skin of an otter, for which the Commissioner thanked them in a short speech. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large concourse, among whom were a number of ladies.

A REBEL GENERAL'S MANSION DESTROYED.

The mansion belonging to the rebel Gen. STUART, situated at Chantilly, in Fairfax County, Va., has recently been destroyed by fire. The mansion, which was built about the time of the Revolution, by Dr. DAVID STUART, (grandfather of the present General of that name,) was one of the finest in that section of Virginia, and the lands belonging to the estate among the best cultivated in the State. For some time past the house has been occupied, first by Gen. STUART, and then by Col. WYNDHAM, as their headquarters.

Dr. DAVID STUART, the original owner of the estate of Chantilly, was a distinguished physician and patriot of the Revolution, and a colleague, in the Virginia House of Burgesses, of the Lees, HARRISONS, HENRYS and CARRYS. He was one of the Presidential Electors who voted for WASHINGTON for President, and between whom the most intimate relations existed. He was also the executor of the estate of Jonn PARKE CUSTIS, Mrs. WASHINGTON's first husband. His correspondence with WASHINGTON and other noted men of the Revolution was extensive, and was preserved with the most scrupulous care by his descendants until the present war. Since the flight of STUART from his house, the papers have been ransacked, and all of any value carried away by autograph collectors. Such is the fate of war. How the house caught fire remains a mystery, but it is thought it was destroyed by WHARTON's guerrillas.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MARCH.

Col. WYNDHAM, commanding cavalry brigade at Fairfax Court-house, in his recent reconnoissance to the Rappahannock, accomplished one of the most rapid marches made since the present war began. The reconnoitering force, consisting of about four hundred men, left Fairfax Court-house, on Monday morning, at 3 o'clock, and, from Falmouth, through Stafford County, to Dumfries, and thence back to Fairfax Court-house, a distance of about one hundred miles, in 72 hours, or over 30 miles a day. Col. WYNDHAM in his march had no less than four skirmishes with guerrilla bands, killing a number and capturing seventeen prisoners. He had only four men, who were captured, while straggling, by the rebels. Taking into consideration the almost impassable condition of Virginia roads at this season of the year, Col. WYNDHAM's march is one of the most remarkable on record.

PLAYING CARDS FOR DIXIE.

An individual freighted with 400 packs of playing cards, and a rebel mail, was captured Saturday by some of Col. BAKER's Detectives, on the Maryland shore of the Lower Potomac, while on his way to Dixie. He has been sent to the Old Capitol Prison.

STEALING NEWS.

Mercury, mythologically, was the patron of thieves; and the Philadelphia Sunday paper of that name seems to have been christened with a clear understanding of the fact. Perhaps we ought to be flattered by the preference implied in the selection of our telegrams in preference to those of other journals. The *Mercury* of last Sunday contains seventeen paragraphs under the head, "Latest by telegraph to the Philadelphia Sunday *Mercury*;" and of these, eleven are taken bodily from dispatches in Friday's and Saturday's TIMES.

PROPOSALS FOR HORSES.

Col. ROBINS, Depot Quartermaster here, invites proposals, to be received until the 26th inst., for furnishing the Government with one thousand cavalry horses, from 15¼ to 16 hands high, between 4 and 8 years of age, of dark colors, and well broken to harness. Also, for one thousand artillery horses, of the same size and description as the former. No mares will be received. The horses must be delivered here within twenty days from the date of the contract, and no extension of time will be granted on any pretext. Proposals from disloyal parties will not be considered, and an oath of allegiance must accompany each proposition.

DISMISSED THE SERVICE.

By direction of the President, Capt. JOAB WHITMAN, Twelfth United States Infantry, has been dismissed the service, for conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and for neglect of duty, and dismissed to take effect from Feb. 6, 1863.

MADE A REAR-ADMIRAL.

The Senate, in Executive Session, unanimously confirmed Commodore FARRAGUT as a Rear-Admiral in the navy.

NAVAL RETIRING BOARD.

A board, composed of the following officers, is in session at the Navy Department, for the purpose of examining such officers as may be ordered before it and retiring them:

Commodores MERVINE, (President,) NICHOLSON and HOFF; Surgeons TUCKER and MAGRUDER; and PHILIP HAMILTON, Judge Advocate.

TO BE SHOT FOR DESERTION.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 32.—1. At a General Court-martial, which convened at Fort Monroe, Virginia, Oct. 16, 1862, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 131, Headquarters Department of Virginia, Oct. 15, 1862, and of which Capt. W. H. S. BANNAN, Third New-York Volunteers, was President, was arraigned and tried—

Private SYLVESTER BURL, Company B, Third New-York Volunteers.

Charge—"Desertion."

Specification—"In this; that he, the said Private SYLVESTER BURL, of B Company, Third Infantry, New-York Volunteers, being duly enlisted in the service of the United States, at Albany, New-York, on or about the 15th day of September, 1862, did desert the said service on or about the 26th day of September, 1862, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia."

To which charge and specification the accused pleaded as follows:

To the Specification, "Not Guilty."

To the Charge, "Not Guilty."

Finding—The Court, after mature deliberation on the evidence adduced, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification, "Guilty."

Of the Charge, "Guilty."

Sentence—And the Court does therefore sentence him, the said private SYLVESTER BURL, of Company B, Third New-York Volunteers, "to be shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as the General Commanding may direct," two-thirds of the members concurring therein.

The above sentence of the Court-martial has been approved by the President, the sentence to be carried into effect at such time as may be selected by the Commanding General.

IMPORTANT TO SUTLERS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 34.—On the recommendation of the Board of Inspectors-General, the following articles are added to the list of articles of food which may be sold by sutlers to the officers and soldiers of the volunteer service, under the act of March 9, 1862, published in General Orders, No. 37, of 1862:

Corn meats and oysters, dried beef, smoked tongues, corn and fresh vegetables, pepper, mustard, pickle powders, pickles, sardines, Italian sausages, Bologna sausages, smoked ham, smoked beef, poultry, butter and cheese pies (tin), pieces (tin), cups (tin), butter and tooth brushes, twine, wrapping paper, uniform clothing for officers, socks, trimmings for uniforms, shoes, shirts, drawers.

By order of the Secretary of War:

L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General.

THE HOSPITAL FUND.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., Jan. 30, 1863.

1. In consequence of the great and improper influence which many persons have allowed themselves in the administration of the Hospital Fund, the following instructions are issued defining the articles for which and for which alone the Hospital Fund may be expended:

The hospital fund may be expended for the purchase of

1. Food, solid or fluid, to be used for the diet of the sick, and not furnished by the Commissary Department or Medical Department.

2. Articles to be used in either the preparation or serving of the food, including principally cooking utensils and table furniture, not furnished by the Quartermaster's Department or Medical Department.

3. Gas, oil, and other means of illumination, to be bought instead of candles, which are part of the soldier's ration.

Experiment has been carefully and thoroughly made in a number of our best regulated hospitals, as to the capacity of the hospital fund to support a proper diet table for the sick.

Reports from these hospitals are unanimous in the testimony that the cost of supplying such a diet exceeds the value of the hospital ration, and proves the expenditures for objects of less importance than a liberal diet are acts of injustice to the sick soldier.

II. Upon the receipt of this circular, a return will be made to this office, by surgeons in charge of hospitals, of all articles of a nature not immediately perishable which have been purchased from the hospital fund, and which are now in use in the hospitals under their charge.

This return will be made in a form similar to the returns of hospital furniture now required, and will be made hereafter quarterly, upon the last day of March, June, September, and December.

Medical officers will be required to account strictly to this Department for all such articles as may be purchased from the hospital fund.

The accompanying circular, received from the Commissary-General of Subsistence, is furnished for the information and guidance of medical officers.

W. A. HAMMOND, Surgeon-General.

REVOCATION OF AN ORDER.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 37.—By direction of the President, so much of General Orders No. 206, 1862, as renders out of service additional Paymaster R. P. L. BERRIZ, is hereby revoked.

By order of the Secretary of War:

L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General.

DISPATCHES TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

THE WAYS AND MEANS BILL.

The bill to provide ways and means for the support of the Government will be returned to the Senate for further action, the House having now concurred in most of the Senate amendments. The exceptions are those relating to the tax on the circulation of the National Banks, making the stamp on the note of Col. ASPINWALL's Express Company, and the exemption of small notes.

For Congressional Proceedings, see Eighth Page.

LATER FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

ARRIVAL OF THE CRESCENT.

Order from Gen. Banks Regarding Foreclosures and Forced Sales.

A RECONNOISSANCE OF GALVESTON HARBOR.

The United States Mail steamship *Crescent*, from New-Orleans on Feb. 8, arrived at this port yesterday. Nothing of special interest had transpired since the departure of the last steamer.

Gen. BANKS had issued the following order regarding foreclosures of forced sales:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 5, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 15.—War necessarily brings with it, to a great extent, the suspension of ordinary pursuits and avocations, and naturally affects most materially those whose resources are derived from the product of their lands; and it is not just that the pressing creditors should be permitted to cripple well-disposed citizens in their efforts to return to their former state of prosperity, and acquire the ability to promptly meet all their obligations. To remedy this evil in as equitable manner as possible, the General Commanding directs as follows:

I. The foreclosure of mortgages, or instruments that are such by their effects, and sales under foreclosure, as against loyal citizens having interests in the subject matter, whether as owners, mortgagers, or otherwise, are prohibited.

II. The property of loyal citizens, owning and working plantations, is exempted from forced sale, under execution or otherwise, until further orders. *Provided*, however, that the exemption shall not be effectual as to debts, created or obligations incurred subsequently to the date of this order, which shall have remained unmatured for six months.

By command of Major-Gen. BANKS.

RICHARD B. IRWIN, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant General.

Official.

The New-Orleans Delta, it is said, will soon stop, "owing to the Quartermaster failing to pay its bills."

Everything was quiet at Port Hudson. Affairs in the Teche region were also quiet, and been ordered to the Texas coast.

The return of Gen. AUGUR from Texas is daily expected at New-Orleans. The rebels have left Sabine Pass, and the Union forces have taken possession.

There, have induced the belief that Gen. BANKS proposes to take the field in person.

On the 25th ultimo, the *Owasco*, Capt. WILSON, was dispatched to Galveston, with orders to run into the harbor and examine as carefully as possible, without drawing their fire, the position and strength of any batteries that might be erected or in process of construction. Capt. WILSON had returned to New-Orleans, and reported the *Harriet Lane* as still at Galveston. He is of the opinion that she is disabled, as he saw her towed slowly about by a small river steamer. Her topmasts had been removed, and altogether she bore evidences of attempts to disguise her identity.

Soon after the arrival of the *Owasco* and the report of Capt. WILSON, of which the particulars have not yet been divulged, the *Hartford* was observed to have steam up, and on Friday evening she went down the river with the Rear-Admiral.

Among the passengers by the *Crescent* is Col. D. C. LIBLEDOUX.

We are indebted to the Purser for favors.

ORDER RELATING TO NEGROES.

PROVOST-MARSHAL'S OFFICE, PARISHES ST. CHARLES, ST. JOHN AND ST. JAMES, NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 5, 1863.

All negroes within the above Parishes, found outside of camp or plantation limits, without proper pass from officers (if they are servants) or their masters, will be immediately arrested and employed upon Government works.

No passes will be granted at this office for negroes to visit the city.

EDWARD PAGE, Jr., Provost-Marshal.

GEN. BANKS AND THE LABORERS.

From the Delta, Feb. 6.

We learn that the Commanding General this morning informed a Committee of the laboring men, who have recently been thrown out of employment, that he could not give them anything to do on city improvements; but would take a thousand or so into the employ of the Government—the machines in the machine shops, and those who have no trade will be employed in loading and unloading vessels and other work necessary to be done.

A TESTIMONIAL.

From the Delta, Feb. 7.

An opera glass, which cost, in Paris, $700, was yesterday presented to a Northern lady, as a token of appreciation of the friends of the colored race. The lady has, during the four months she has been among us, taught thirty-seven colored men and women to read their Bibles and sing Water Hymns.

THAT COIN.

The *Delta* thinks it can explain where Mr. MECHANICS, Secretary of the rebel Treasury, procured the $2,500,000 in coin, of which he speaks in the intercepted correspondence. It says:

"It is all that is left of the coin sent out of New-Orleans by the banks for *safe keeping*. The balance has doubtless been used in purchasing arms from Europe, and paying the salaries of those kept in office, in subsidizing the London *Times* and probably a few Northern papers. The fund has been managed so economically, that out of about $6,000,000 deposited in April last, there was still $2,500,000 at the date of Mr. MECHANICS's letter; for the reason, probably that it was too hazardous to attempt to run the blockade with it.

It may be gratifying to remember, however, that the rebel Government permits 'the New-Orleans banks to carry on business in the same manner as though this money were in their vaults.' Their specie is safe!

We do not desire to bring into discredit the notes of the banks by these hints; in fact, we think that among a certain class their notes will continue to command a premium over greenbacks, when it is known they have lost their specie in so glorious a cause—namely affording Jews a capital to speculate on, and purchasing arms from England, to shoot their fathers, brothers, sons and countrymen!"

A FRENCH STEAMER.

From the Picayune, Feb. 7.

The French dispatch-steamer *Lavoisier*, Capt. RIBOUD, which relieves the *Tisiphone* and *Renommée*, arrived in port on Tuesday. The two last will leave here shortly.

A NEW STEAMER FOR ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.—Adams Express Company have purchased the new steamship *Fah-Kee* to run between this port, Beaufort, N. C., and Port Royal, S. C. The *Fah-Kee* is a splendid steamship, built for WETMORE & CRYMES, to be used in the China trade. She now takes her place as one of a line to be run by Adams Express Company to the Southern ports, as fast as they are opened. She sails on Saturday at 2 P. M., carrying the United States mail.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Contraband Traffic Interfered With.

Capture of Horses, Mules, Mail-bags, Rebels and Contrabands.

A DESERTER SHOT.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Monday, Feb. 16.

Two expeditions have just returned with satisfactory results. The contraband traffic between the rebels in Maryland and Virginia, which for a long time has been going on, and by which large quantities of goods have found their way across the Potomac, near the Pennsylvania extremity, between the Potomac and the Rappahannock, to Richmond, has been broken up.

Parties were sent to break up these rebel avenues of support and information, and to prevent the enforcement of the conscription ordered to take place in the counties on the Neck, from the 12th to the 17th inst., by the rebel authorities.

A large quantity of provisions and a number of horses, mules, &c., intended for the rebels, were seized.

A large number of contrabands also came in with the expeditionary parties.

Among the captures were two large mail-bags, several citizens engaged in smuggling, some rebel soldiers and a rebel signal officer stationed to report the movements of vessels.

Several vessels used in conveying supplies across the Potomac were captured and destroyed.

Col. FAIRCHILD, of the Second Wisconsin Regiment, and Col. GARVIN were in command of the infantry part of the expeditionary forces, and Maj. MAGILL had command of the cavalry.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Tuesday, Feb 17, 1863.

WILLIAM BROWN, of the Third New-York Independent Battery, was shot to-day, while attempting to desert.

A heavy snow storm prevails, which will render the roads still worse, if possible, than they are now.

Very unkind expressions are made use of throughout the regiments toward the very few officers who have overstayed the leave given in Orders No. 2.

The captain of the rebel Gen. STUART's command, who was captured some weeks ago, was yesterday sent over to the enemy's line, but Gen. BARNARD, commander of the post, declined to receive him until certain formalities were instituted. This having been accomplished, he will be sent over again to-morrow.

INTERESTING FROM KANSAS.

Knights of the Golden Circle—The Inquirer and its Editor—Col. Jennison—Loyal Resolutions—The End of the Inquirer—Departure of Dr. Taylor, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1863.

Our city, for three days past, has been a scene of great excitement, caused by the discovery of a design on the part of the Vallandingham Democracy to indorse the Springfield (Ill.) Resolutions, and elect delegates to the Louisville Copperhead Convention. This excitement culminated this morning in the complete destruction of the *Daily Inquirer* printing office. But it will be necessary to relate events in their proper order, in order to fairly understand them.

For some time past, it has been known that the Knights of the Golden Circle had revived their old organizations in town and county. Information gives their number in the city as about sixty, and throughout the county at three hundred. They are composed principally of the old Border Ruffian element, with which we have always been pestered. All call themselves Democrats, and this faction hold the balance of power here. It is they who have the brains and money, and their votes carry elections. As a consequence, all office-seekers bow to their decision.

The *Inquirer* is entirely controlled by this faction. Its editor, B. BURRIS TAYLOR, is an extremist; a man of some ability, and has always been identified with the Slaveocracy since he first came to Kansas, in 1856. He was formerly from Ohio, where he first figured as a Free Soil politician; he then attempted the "sock and buskin," but failed to succeed; from thence he went to Kentucky, where he married some slaves—I beg pardon, a woman with some slaves—and ever since has been notorious as a most blatant and pestilent advocate of Slavery. He came to Kansas, settled at Leavenworth, and immediately identified himself with the worst phases of Border Ruffianism. He was a party to the lynching of Wm. PHILLIPS, an estimable citizen, who was afterwards murdered by the same gang. When the war broke out he proclaimed publicly that his sympathies were with the South. In consequence of this declaration he found, or supposed, it would be convenient to leave suddenly, which he did by going down the Missouri River in a skiff, with a companion now in confinement as a rebel Major and spy. TAYLOR reappeared again just as STORMS and DENVER were in power here, and immediately started the *Inquirer*. Since then he has been confined in the guard-house for several weeks, by order of Gen. BLUNT, for articles having a treasonable tendency. After his release his paper was decent for awhile, but of late he has become emboldened by the Copperhead demonstrations in other States.

On Saturday last handbills were posted, calling a mass meeting of the Democracy at the Court-house. The information was also received that the Springfield resolutions were to be, in substance, submitted, and delegates elected to the Louisville Convention. A consultation was immediately held by the straightout Union men, which developed in unexpected strength the determination of our most respectable and conservative citizens to put down any such attempt. Col. JENNISON, who, since his retirement from the service, has been doing a large business as a Government freighter, &c.; Col. D. R. ANTHONY, now doing business as an insurance agent; Judge McCAHAN, lately our City Recorder; Capt. HOFF, and many others of influence and respectability, avowed their determination to give the Administration no trouble with traitors in Kansas. Accordingly, on Saturday night, about one hundred and fifty determined men, well armed, under the direction of JENNISON, ANTHONY, McCAHAN and HOFF, were seen in attendance at the Democratic mass meeting. They came early, quietly taking their places where they could control affairs. Their appearance created consternation.

The managers became alarmed—B. B. TAYLOR disappeared—mysterious whisperings—which shortly resulted in the appointment of the District-Attorney, T. B. FERLOS, a Douglas Democrat, to the chair. Mr. FERLOS spoke some fifty minutes, making a good and loyal speech, slightly larded with partisan bitterness, which was warmly applauded by the radicals present, and treated coldly by the pro-slavery. After he was through, a Mr. HAMMOND arose and introduced a motion to appoint a Committee of Seven to draft resolutions to be presented at an adjourned meeting on Saturday next. In the course of Mr. HAMMOND's remarks, he claimed the Democracy as the only Union party of the nation. This brought Col. JENNISON to his feet, whose appearance was the signal for vociferous demonstrations on the part of the Copperheads. The feet of the Colonel's being treated, and the evident determination of his friends, made quiet the order of the day. After a sharp bandying between Messrs. HAMMOND and JENNISON, the latter explained that it was not his intention to stigmatize any other party as disloyal, but to claim that the Democracy were for the Union. Col. JENNISON then stated that he came here to protect legal Democracy, but also to suppress disloyalty.

The Democratic meeting adjourned, and Col. JENNISON immediately called a meeting of the unconditional Union men. About four-fifths of the audience remained. D. R. ANTHONY was called to the Chair, and in a brief but pointed manner, stated what the known designs of the traitors who called the first meeting were, declaring that the loyal men of Leavenworth were determined that no Copperhead propositions should go unrebuked in Kansas, and the punishment to all stinking our loyalty by such infamy should be death. Col. JENNISON followed, amid the wildest enthusiasm, in his peculiar style, in defining what were the intentions of loyal men hereabouts. He introduced a couple of resolutions, in substance as follows:

By the Unconditional Union men of Leavenworth,

Resolved, That any man who shall propose peace with the rebels now in arms against the Government of the United States, on any other terms than those of unconditional submission to the Constitution and laws thereof, is a traitor, and deserves to die.

Resolved, That he shall die!

Capt. Geo. H. HOFF, Secretary of the meeting, then followed in favor of the resolutions. Judge McCAHAN moved as an amendment that a Committee of Five be appointed to call an adjourned meeting on the next Friday, to whom these resolutions should be committed, with power to draft such others as may be deemed necessary. The amendment prevailed. Judge McCAHAN, Capt. D. W. HOFFMAN and R. J. HINTON spoke, urging the dangerous character of the movements now seeking to create sectional prejudices against New-England; and of the necessity for organizing to prevent treason in the Free States showing its head. The meeting adjourned at a late hour, manifesting throughout the utmost harmony and earnestness.

Nothing further occurred of importance till last night, when it became known that a body of armed Irishmen, headed by a pestilent demagogue named JOHN P. MEGRUE, were in the *Inquirer* office. The rumor circulated that it was intended to mob the *Conservative*, the leading Anti-Slavery daily. As a consequence there was counter preparation. About 9 o'clock a party of young men, under Capt. HOFF, assembled in front of the *Inquirer* and amused themselves by singing "John Brown" with emotions, intended for the heads of the editor. No violence was shown, except that the party were armed, and a few shots were fired in air. The sentinels was fired by some, who fired into the crowd twice, but without harm. Capt. HOFF then ordered his men to and persuaded the party to retire. The shots from the Inquirer were fired at him. The "John Brown" singers left, and about an hour after, while Mr. ANTHONY was standing in the doorway of his boarding-house, which is directly opposite to the *Inquirer*, MEGRUE, the leader of the gang, was heard to shout, "There's Dr. R. ANTHONY—shoot him." The whole party of cowardly assassins fired at him from the door, stairway and windows of the office above. Col. ANTHONY's escape seems almost miraculous, for minié balls entered the door within an inch of his head, and that, and a lamp-burning within, was completely perforated by the volley. ANTHONY, utterly fearless, fired three shots from his revolver at the ruffians, at the same time advancing into the middle of the road, and challenging the villains to come out and fight him fair. They ran up stairs into the printing-office. ANTHONY then retired to his room. After he had gone to bed, the secession mob crossed the street, broke open the door and fired into the house, rushing up stairs at the stairs to fire into a room they supposed to be Col. ANTHONY's. It was the chamber of a gentleman and wife, over whose bed lodged three minié balls. This was late in the night, and but few persons were aware of the transaction until morning. Col. JENNISON came on the scene after breakfast, and examined the bullet-holes. He then walked over into the printing-office, declaring that he wanted to look at a rebel fort again. He was followed by the crowd. No one was found in the office except one of the proprietors, a son of B. B. TAYLOR, and five minié muskets, which were loaded and capped. In a very few minutes, with wonderful celerity and quietness, the printing-office was demolished. After the destruction was accomplished, Col. ANTHONY addressed the citizens, who were looking on in half amused amazement at the proceedings, and gave a brief statement of the attempt made to assassinate him the previous night, out of which had grown the destruction of the *Inquirer*. Col. JENNISON followed. He stated that he was opposed to the mobbing of printing-offices, believing that it was a crime, but when such establishments were used to conceal and defend rebel murderers, it was necessary to suppress them. Yesterday, the *Inquirer* was a printing-office, and he had defended it against a threatened attack; to-day, it was a rebel fort, built to protect traitors and murderers, and he had cleaned them out. He, Col. ANTHONY, and all the concourse were ready to answer for what they had done in the civil authorities. But as long as he lived in the city, he proposed not to allow traitors to even peep, and, to save the Government the expense of their board by killing them. Five men had followed him last evening with the intention of assassination, but he had evaded them while going home. Capt. HOFF was called out and defended the action of the people. A procession was then formed and the three loyal newspaper offices visited and greeted with three cheers.

During the day committees of citizens visited the houses of rebel sympathizers and took possession of such arms as could be found. Two muskets found in the *Inquirer*, belonging to the Government, were sent to Fort Leavenworth and the others retained. This evening an open meeting of the Union League was held at which plain speaking was used. It was stated that the action above taken had prevent the expression of disloyal sentiments. Lieut.-Col. BURNS is sending force of cavalry to this city to maintain order. B. BURRIS TAYLOR is believed to have escaped to Missouri, from whence it is not supposed that he will soon come back. After the meeting the members of the Union League marched through the streets to the residence of Gen. BROWN. The newspapers were scattered, and Col. BURNS visited, at the Planters' House, and greeted with hearty cheers. The people then dispersed. All is now quiet. There will not, in all probability, be any more disorder, for it is believed that the rebel sentiment is completely overwhelmed. Should it again show itself, it may be relied that its manifestations will be short lived. Her mad disturbances will be charged as the work of rowdies, etc., as it is, whether fortunate or unfortunate for the fair fame of Leavenworth, indorsed by nearly all classes. R.

NEWS FROM NASHVILLE.

The Cumberland River Twenty Feet Deep on the Shoals, &c.

NASHVILLE, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The Cumberland River is twenty feet deep on the Shoals, and is still rising. It rained last night and all day to-day.

The telegram of the 16th, should read, that our men killed five of Forrest's command, wounded five, the latter being taken prisoners. None of the National force was killed or wounded.

A Successful Skirmish in Tennessee.

CAIRO, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

A skirmish took place on the 13th inst., near Bolivar, Tenn., between a detachment of the First Cavalry and a body of rebels, the result of which was four dead rebels, a number wounded, five prisoners and a number of horses captured. Federal loss—nothing.

Probable Another Blockade Runner.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The screw steamer *Edwin Hawkins*, with a cargo of cotton, 22 days from Matamoras, (as reported,) bound for Liverpool, put into Halifax to-day short of coals.

THE DOCTRINE OF RECOGNITION.

No New State to be Recognized while the War is Contested—An able Exposition of International Law.

From the London Times, Jan. 26.

SIR: I observe that a writer in the current number of the Edinburgh *Review* has criticised the doctrines which I ventured to lay down on the subject of "Recognition," in a letter which I addressed to you on the 4th of November last. The reviewer contends that the question is one of policy entirely, and not of right. Upon this point, though I entertain the most sincere respect for his opinion, I cannot by any means concur in his conclusions, or admit that the case on which it is founded. I am in a condition to support the propositions for which I have contended from the month of an authority which I am sure the Edinburgh reviewer will admit to be entitled to the very highest consideration. I referred in my letter to a speech made in the House of Lords, on the subject of the recognition of the South American Republics—a speech evidently most carefully considered, and replete with that wisdom, knowledge, accuracy and moderation which are characteristic of an English statesman who still represents to us an age which he knows that "minds represent Light." The following passage from this remarkable performance is so important and so pertinent that I make no apology for quoting it *in extenso*:

"My Lords: It is with respect to countries such as I have described that your Lordships are now called upon to pronounce, in a form or in fashion, which I am willing to admit, but not admitted, involves a two-fold question, namely, whether, supposing the right to be established, the propriety of exercising that right without delay is equally clear. My Lords, I say the first point is clear; for, however it may be my duty then to point out to your Lordships the great advantages which may result from the exercise of the right, I cannot, consistently with my duty, advise your Lordships to exercise it. The right is one which may be exercised with perfect propriety, and with the most beneficial results, when a state of things has arisen in which it is clear that the ancient Government of the country to which the new State has been attached has ceased to exist, and when, from the long continuance of the civil war, there is a reasonable presumption that the new State has in its favor the means of maintaining its independence against the ancient Government. Under such circumstances, the recognition of the new State is a boon to humanity, and it is a boon which, if it be not granted, may be withheld for a long time to the great detriment of those who are entitled to it. But, while I admit that proposition, I cannot but think that it would be a premature act to recognize the independence of the Spanish Provinces in question at the present moment. The question, therefore, will be my humble advice to your Lordships, when you come to deciding upon it, to be guided entirely by the consideration of the question of right. My Lords, I think it of no importance to us to ascertain what right we may have to recognize, unless we can ascertain what right we possess when we consider the question in the first instance, whether those States which from the object of our present consideration are *de facto* independent, and, secondly, if they are *de facto* independent, whether there is any prospect of the old Government of Spain ever being enabled to recover its command of them, so as to possess the advantages we formerly derived from them; and, thirdly, if there is any prospect of their being again reduced under the dominion of the mother country, whether they have proved themselves disposed and able to maintain those relations of amity and commerce which ought to exist between independent and friendly nations. My Lords, from what I perceive to be the opinion of the noble Earl opposite, and from what I find contained in the papers on the table, it is not necessary for me to dwell much on the topics. On the first point, namely, whether the States are *de facto* independent—I presume that beyond a question can be raised in the mind of any one who has made himself acquainted with the events which have occurred within the last two or three years in that part of the globe, and the absence of any attempt on the part of Spain, whether exercised by civil or external military authority."

As to the second point, he continues:

"In the first place, my Lords, let us look at the state of Mexico. Mexico, containing 7,000,000 of people, and extending from sea to sea, for the last two years has not had, nor at this moment is there to be found in it, a single Spanish soldier; nor, is it said, is a detached fortress on the coast, where there is a small garrison (of about 300 or 400 men—I think the castle of St. Juan d'Ulloa) which has cut off from all communication and are wholly unconnected with the shore. They may, from the particular situation of the fortress, hold out some time; but, as all communication with the country ceased long years ago, they can have no influence on the state of the country. In Guatemala there is also now no Spanish force. Throughout the great State of Columbia, extending from the Orinoco to the Isthmus of Darien, there is not now a single Spanish soldier, after a series of contests which lasted 14 years, and after the contest assuming every year more decidedly the character of a war for the establishment of independence, until at length it was completely established by the reduction of Puerto Cabello during the last Summer. In the State of Buenos Ayres there has not been anything like a Spanish force for the last 12 or 13 years, during which period this State has exercised the rights of independence, under various Governments, undisturbed by any effort on the part of the mother country. Indeed, no attempt has been made during the whole of that period by the ancient Government of Spain to affect existing Governments or interfere with their authority; and it may be worthy of remark by your Lordships, as indicating the determination of public feeling in that country, that although, as I have stated, there have been internal changes—no less than three changes, I believe, of the Administration or of the Government, as you may think proper to call it—so rooted is the aversion entertained by the people to the old Government, that in no one of these changes has any person ventured to manifest any disposition to call in the power of the parent country. The same observation will apply to Chili. In that State the most perfect independence has been maintained. For more than four years not a single Spanish soldier has existed in Chili, with the exception of an island near the coast—that of Chiloe—to which the partisans of the old Government were permitted to emigrate, and where they remain tranquillized by any offensive operation. With regard to Peru, the circumstances are different; for it must be admitted that, owing to some mismanagement in the Government after its first liberation, there is to be found there, and there only, a party attached to the old Government of Spain. There alone, then, is anything which can be called an army to be found, consisting, as I am informed, of 7,000 or 8,000 men—a force which, being, as I understand, under the direction of a very efficient leader, has lately met with some success, facilitated by bitterness of political counsels of its military chiefs, but quite incapable of ultimately subduing the spirit of independence which has taken root in the hearts of the Peruvians, now encouraged by the presence of Gen. BOLIVAR, who is engaged in extinguishing their feuds, and bringing to their aid all the glory of his name, and that force of his military enterprises, and, if possible, still more his political administration, by which he has established the independence of Columbia, and given to it that constitution which appears destined to perpetuate the boast of union and the charter of the liberties of the Confederated States."—*Hansard*, vol. 1., N. S., p. 976.

I pray your readers' careful attention to this extract. It shows first that Lord LANSDOWNE was clearly of opinion that the question of recognition involved a matter of *right*, and not merely of *policy*, as between the original sovereign State and the recognizing Powers. Secondly, it is important carefully to observe the facts with reference to the state of the contest in the several Provinces, and the action which the English Government thought itself justified in taking thereupon. The speech of Lord LANSDOWNE explains exactly the situation of affairs, and I have before pointed out that Buenos Ayres alone, at this time, was considered entitled to recognition. The recognition of Colombia was postponed because she had detached her forces in aid of the Peruvian insurgents. The recognition of Chili and Mexico was deferred on account of the defective organization of their Governments (*vide* STAPLETON'S *Life of Canning*.) But what is most important to remark is, that under the circumstances stated by Lord LANSDOWNE *the recognition of Peru was not even entertained, because the contest still subsisted, though, for the reasons set out in the foregoing speech, the ultimate reinstatement of the power of Spain was as clearly hopeless in that as in the other provinces.* This, then, is as authoritative a decision as can possibly be conceived on the part of the English Government, that the real test of the right to recognition depends on the establishment of *de facto* independence, and the only legitimate proof of such independence is the cessation of all *bona fide* struggle on the part of the former Sovereign.

Thus far the great Whig authority. I will now cite from the same debate the opinion of a Minister to which the Tory journals, which are so clamorous for recognition, will probably pay some regard. The following passage is from the speech of Lord LIVERPOOL, then Prime Minister, who must be accordingly taken as the authoritative exponent on this subject of the English doctrine:

"With regard to the question of the recognition of independence, they both agreed that it was to be considered on two grounds—the first, of right; the second, of expediency. *This where no right existed there could be no expediency*; and he had no difficulty in declaring what had been his conviction during the year (years?) that the struggle had been going on between Spain and the South American Provinces—*that there could be no right while the contest was actually going on.* He knew that our own history proved that other Powers of Europe had acted toward us under a very different impression. He was aware of the opinion which the whole House of Bourbon had adopted in the struggle between Great Britain and the North American Colonies. It was notorious that, while our armies were in the field (no matter what was the justice of either side of that contest) those Powers cut the ties which united them, and, not satisfied with merely recognizing the independence of the United States, they actually entered into a confederacy against Great Britain, which was followed by a war, which, but for the glorious issue of our contest, would have been disastrous to the interests of this country. Under such circumstances, we felt that we had a right to complain of such conduct. We felt it to be unjust and injurious to the rights of every foreign Power in Europe."

Here, then, is the precise and definite declaration of the English Government, that the sole and sufficient ground of the war they are about to declare in the negotiation of a treaty of commerce, and the recognition thereby implied of the insurgent provinces—a course which is here pronounced to be "subversive of the law of nations."

That this was not merely the official pretext, but the real ground of the war, clearly appears from a private letter of GIBBON. The following passage will be found in a letter to HOLROYD, of the date of the 23d of February, 1778: "It is positively asserted, both in private and in Parliament, and not contradicted by the Ministers, that on the 6th of this month a *treaty of commerce* (which *naturally leads to war*) was signed at Paris with the Independent States of America." It is idle, in the face of these documents, to maintain that the English Government did not think the negotiation of a treaty of commerce with the rebels, and the recognition of their independence thereby implied, a sufficient ground of war by itself, or that they in reality meant to resist their declaration of hostilities on any other ground.

It is suggested, indeed, that the Government of the day must have known of other and better grounds for the serious measure of declaring war against France, which might be found in the secret and perfidious machinations by which her conduct on that occasion was disgracefully distinguished. This, I confess, seems to me an inadmissible speculation in the face of these conclusive documents. It may be assumed that when one Government declares war against another, it gives the first reasons within its knowledge and at its disposal to justify its conduct. I can understand that a nation may be in reality actuated by a bad motive while it alleges a good pretence. But it is not consistent with common sense to suppose that the English Government in 1778, having plenty of better grounds for their declaration of war in the background, preferred to rest it on an insufficient reason. They rested it, as we have seen, exclusively on the commercial treaty—a ground which they evidently thought their best and sufficient justification, in which opinion I submit they were perfectly well founded.

The Edinburgh reviewer has fallen into a most important error on this point. He says that the treaty of 1778 justified a declaration of war by Great Britain, because it "provided that in the event of war the two States should make common cause against Great Britain." But the treaty of 1776, which was the ground of the war, contained no such clause. The reviewer has overlooked the important circumstance that there were two treaties of 1778, which will be found together in *Martens*, vol. II.; one, a *treaty of commerce*, which was that communicated to the English Government by the Marquis DE NOAILLES; the other, a *secret treaty of alliance*, which was made because the parties knew that the treaty of commerce would inevitably lead to war, but was kept back till it was divulged *after* the declaration of war. The clause to which the reviewer alludes is in the secret treaty of alliance, which was not communicated, and which, consequently, was not the ground of the declaration of war. It is not in the treaty of commerce, which, as we have seen, was the exclusive matter relied on by the King in his message to Parliament, which for the purpose of an international argument must be taken to be the true cause of the war.

It may be surmised that the English Government knew or suspected the existence of the treaty of alliance. And, indeed, this appears from Lord STORMONT'S letters, *vide* Lord MAHON'S *Hist.*, Vol. VI., App., p. 23. Though they may have suspected it, they had no such cognizance of it as would enable them to found upon it a cause of hostilities; they, therefore, wisely confined themselves to the first of recognition and the communication of the commercial treaty, which they held to be all-sufficient for their justification.

What, then, are the conclusions to be deduced from these authentic and binding historical precedents? First, that in 1778 the English Government treated what the Edinburgh reviewer calls the "moral recognition" of an insurgent province during the pendency of the contest by the negotiation of a commercial treaty as a breach of neutrality, "subversive of the law of nations," and affording a justifiable ground of war. They held and acted upon the doctrine that, while the struggle still continues, the recognition of the insurgents by a foreign State is an international wrong to the original Sovereign. Upon precisely the same grounds, the leading statesmen of both parties in 1824, declared that, in order to the recognition of the South American Republics, it was necessary to establish, not as a question of policy only, but of right, that the contest was substantially at an end. They did not think themselves at liberty to speculate on the question whether the efforts still maintained by the ancient Government would or would not in the end prove successful. They said, and thought themselves at liberty to act, only in those cases when the independence of the insurgents was actually established by the real cessation of the contest. As I have shown in my last letter, the case of Texas, so far from being an exception to this rule, is only a fresh illustration of the principle, the more valuable because the most recent. For these reasons I must express my entire dissent from the opinion of the Edinburgh reviewer, that the question of recognition is one solely of policy and not of law, and I must equally protest against the proposition put forth on page 208 of that publication, that the "establishment of diplomatic relations with rebellious States, accompanied by treaties of commerce and amity," while the contest for Government still subsists in full force, "affords no legitimate ground for complaint" to the ancient Sovereign.

TEMPLE. HISTORICUS.

Gen. Resources on the Sanitary Commission.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND, MURFREESBORO, Feb. 2, 1863.

The General Commanding presents his warmest acknowledgments to the friends of the soldiers of this army, whose generous sympathy with the suffering of the sick and wounded has induced them to send for their comfort numerous sanitary supplies, which are continually arriving by the hands of individuals and charitable societies. While he highly appreciates and does not undervalue the charities which have been lavished on this army, experience has demonstrated the importance of system and impartiality, as well as judgment and economy, in the forwarding and distribution of these supplies. In all these respects the United States Sanitary Commission stands unrivaled. Its organization, experience and large facilities for the work are such that the General does not hesitate to recommend, in the most urgent manner, all those who desire to send sanitary supplies to confide them to the care of this Commission. They will thus insure the supplies reaching their destination without wastage or expense of agents or transportation, and their being distributed in a judicious manner, without favorite or interference with the regulations and usages of the service.

This Commission acts in full concert with the Medical Department of the army in the field, and, in addition to its other services, with few exceptions, of a large amount of good on the proper lines of Hospital Relief, it has distributed [illegible] of hospital clothing, [illegible] as pillows, comfortables, [illegible] as essential to the comfort of a sick and wounded soldier.

W. S. ROSECRANS, Maj.-Gen., Commdg Dep't.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Board of Supervisors.

The following communication from the Mayor was received by the Board of Supervisors, at their meeting on yesterday, and was laid over under the rules:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 12, 1863.

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors:

GENTLEMEN: I present for your approval, your ordinance making appropriations for the support of the County Government for the current year.

Some of the appropriations you propose appear to be extravagant. Two purposes [illegible] This wide departure from the estimate of the Comptroller, which was based on information furnished by your own appropriate Committee, will appear the more surprising when taken in connection with the appropriations of previous years for the same object.

Appropriation of 1860 for County advertising	$7,000 00
Appropriation of 1861 for County advertising	10,000 00
Appropriation of 1862 for County advertising	17,000 00
Proposed appropriation of 1863 for County advertising	[illegible]

From this table it will be seen that you propose to change the rate of increase. If has hitherto been liberal; you propose to make it lavish. Being unaware of any sufficient reason for this change, and finding nothing to justify it in the report of your Committee, I have sought for the needed information in your published debates. From these I learn that there are unsettled claims against the County accruing in 1862, amounting to about $11,000, which you intend shall be paid out of the present appropriation. I also learn from the statement made by the vigilant Chairman of your Committee on Printing and Stationery that many of these unsettled claims are for work never authorized by your Board. He says:

"There does not seem to be any sort of limit to this thing. Every newspaper that chooses to publish anything, goes on and publishes it, and sends in a bill; it makes no sort of difference whether they were authorized to do it or not. [illegible] have got now before the Committee bills for this kind of work, amounting to some twelve thousand dollars, a large portion of the work was never authorized by any one that I know of, although it may turn out that some individual member of the Board said, 'You had better do it,' or 'You might do it.' That I know nothing about."

The Chairman very properly declared himself opposed to paying any bills of this class. But in this, it would appear, he differs with the majority of your Board; for, on the motion of another member, the appropriation was raised from $[illegible] to $[illegible] for the express purpose of providing for these bills. And this amount was subsequently increased to $20,000, for the purpose, I presume, of providing for similar bills during the present year.

From this debate, and the action which followed it, it would appear that your Honorable Body is prepared to recognize the claim of any newspaper in the County for publishing your proceedings, or any portion of them, whether authorized by you to do so, or not.

The adoption and public avowal of such a system of advertising as this, fully explains the necessity of a large appropriation to meet the claims that may be expected under this head. In truth, the system is at once so liberal and so lax, that, if persisted in, you will be indebted to the forbearance of the conductors of the Press, if the expenditures for advertising do not greatly exceed even the large amount you have named.

It is always with unfeigned regret that I find myself constrained to differ with your Honorable Body on any measure that you propose for my approval, because, aside from the unpleasantness of differing with a coordinate branch of the public service, it unfortunately so happens that every disagreement I have with you, it is my duty to bring to you, however inconsiderate may be its language, seems to disturb the equanimity of some of your members to a degree that seriously threatens the dignity of your Board. I have therefore carefully scrutinized your novel system of advertising, in the hope of finding some hidden merit which would commend it to my judgment. The search has been fruitless. I find no merit in it, and no excuse for it. Your method is as prodigal and as demoralizing in its inconsistencies as it is unique in character, and I have no doubt the public will so regard it. I venture to hope it will not be persisted in, though I trust when abandoned, you will not proceed to the opposite extreme of publishing your proceedings in but one paper of small circulation, as you have done of late in the case of communications sent you from this office. The true policy lies between these extremes. The public interests would be best subserved, it seems to me, by the publication of all your proceedings, including the Ayes and Noes, in which the public has a deep interest, but which, if now not published at all, in two leading journals of large circulation and of opposite politics. This, it is believed, would not involve an expenditure of more than $10,000 per annum, or about one-quarter the amount you propose to appropriate.

I must also object to the appropriation of $[illegible] for construction of the Harlem River Bridge, that sum being $66,000 [illegible] more than the Commissioners of the Bridge themselves asked for.

I have heretofore, on three different occasions sought to save the County Treasury from what I believe to have been unnecessary advances for this expensive work, by returning with my objections your resolutions directing payments to be made of bills which Westchester County ought to have been required to pay, as she already owed a large amount for her assumed proportion of the cost of the bridge. Those remonstrances proved to be fruitless; but the form in which it is proposed to repeat the injustice is such as cannot fail to command attention. It is estimated by the Engineer of the bridge, that its total cost will amount to $[illegible], of which Westchester is required, by law, to pay a proportion equal to the geographical extent of her jurisdiction over it. The Bridge Commissioners, in their statement of the amount required to be raised to complete the structure, name $[illegible] as the sum, and deduct therefrom an appropriation which they anticipate from the Supervisors of Westchester County, of $100,000 on account of their proportion of the cost of the bridge. Under these circumstances your requirement that $66,000 of this $100,000, shall be raised by a tax upon our own citizens, instead of being provided by the Supervisors of Westchester County, as proposed by the Commissioners, seems to me so obviously objectionable that the proposition needs but to be stated to secure its emphatic condemnation.

I cannot approve the addition of twenty thousand dollars which you have made to the appropriation for salaries in the Executive Departments. It appears from the report of your Committee that this is intended for compensation to the Mayor and the chief officers of the Finance Department, for the additional duties imposed on them by the separation of the County finances from those of the City. Both the phraseology and the intention of this item appear to me objectionable. I know of no duties which your Board, that this sum of $20,000 is intended to provide extra compensation for the chief officers of the Finance Department for the past four years, as well as for the present year. To this retrospective liberality I am opposed, because I regard it as alike unwise and illegal. It appears to me to be in direct violation of the seventh section of the law defining your powers, which is in these words: "No allowance or payment, beyond legal claims, shall ever be allowed by the Board."

Again, I specially object to the use of the word "Mayor" in the appropriation in question. That official has not been consulted in the matter. He has expressed no wish for increased compensation, nor does he desire any. It is true that the action of your Board in reference to the expenditure of public money, has in many cases appeared to him so injudicious, if not wasteful, that much of his time has been occupied in the investigation and attempted correction of such abuses. But for this, he says, in his official services he desires no other reward than the consciousness of having faithfully discharged his duty to the public.

I have made this communication more full and explicit than is my custom, because I have noticed with much satisfaction a suggestion in your Board to appoint a Committee on retrench. Hitherto when such papers have reached you they have merely elicited supplementary remarks in reference to their authors, and unsupported conclusions from the facts contained in them, with very little, if any, consideration of the arguments they presented. With an appropriate Committee to which they may be referred for consideration, I trust this practice will be changed, and that such communications from this office will hereafter be judged solely by their own merits, without any reference whatever to their author.

This change appears to me to be due alike to your own dignity and to the public interests under your charge. GEORGE OPDYKE, Mayor.

The Death of Dr. Cammann.

At a meeting of the physicians and surgeons of the Demilt Dispensary, held Feb. 16, 1863, the following preamble and resolutions, prepared by a Special Committee, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, By the dispensation of Providence, Dr. GEORGE P. CAMMANN, our esteemed friend and lamented colleague, has been suddenly removed from us by death, therefore,

Resolved, That the Demilt Dispensary, in its entire organization of Contributors, Managers, Medical Staff and recipients of its charitable aid, have to mourn, in the decease of Dr. CAMMANN, the great loss of one who, from nearly the first establishment of this institution, has, by his unwearied assiduity and eminent skill, largely contributed to its success, its reputation and the accomplishment of its benevolent aims. In the relation of medical associate, we have found him a courteous friend, a skillful adviser, a man of retiring modesty and disinterested benevolence. The unlirring zeal with which, during nearly his whole professional career, though independent in means, he has devoted himself daily to charitable service in this and other institutions, and the enlightened and success with which he has raised the medical department of Physicians, Dispensaries, of which he was one of the pioneers in this country, render his example worthy of the imitation, and secure to his memory a lasting remembrance from every lover of science.

Resolved, That the Medical Board of the Demilt Dispensary tender their earnest sympathy to the bereaved family of the deceased, and friends upon whom this sad dispensation falls, and that they will attend his funeral.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and published in the American Medical Times and daily journals.

WILLIAM H. HERRING, M. D., Chairman.
GOUVERNEUR M. SMITH, M. D., Secretary.
WILLIAM R. DONALDSON, M. D.,
H. R. FRANCKE, M. D., } Committee.
GEORGE L. HUNTER, M. D.,

Semi-Annual of the Students of Columbia College.

The third "Semi-Annual" of the *Students of Columbia College* was celebrated yesterday morning, at WALLACK'S Theatre, notwithstanding the storm, was comfortably filled long before 11 o'clock, the hour at which the exercises were announced to begin. A brighter, or more cheerful, or more intelligent audience is rarely seen in New-York. Composed in good part of the friends and relatives of the students, of course it was prepared to be pleased, and not even the fifteen or twenty minutes' delay at the commencement was potent enough to destroy its good humor, which was further aided by some excellent music by the orchestra, under the direction of HAMMERSTEIN. At length the curtain rose, and disclosed a semicircle of graduated benches, among which was seated the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. JOHN MURRAY FORBES, an Alumnus of Columbia, who opened the order of exercises with a brief prayer. The presiding officer, Mr. R. A. MANNO, of the Senior Class, a stately-looking and well-mannered youth, now stepped forward and delivered, in nicely and measured tones, a neat and tasteful address, in which he said that when, two years ago, the Faculty and Trustees of the College came to the conclusion to dispense with further Semi-Annuals, on account of the expense attending them, and the state of the country, the students resolved to continue them on their own responsibility and at their own expense—a resolution to which the aforesaid Faculty and Trustees had made no decided objection, though they deemed it inconsistent with the course they had decided upon to lend their presence at future celebrations. With a brief and pertinent allusion to the war, the speaker drew his address (which was rewarded with a bouquet) to a graceful conclusion, and announced the first orator, Mr. ALEXANDER E. CLARK, who, after having to contend with many adverse efforts of the young gentleman, we will compare for the benefit of the reader, the list of speakers and titles of their orations:

1. "Song of a Shirt" ..... Alfred E. Clark.
Duetto and Chorus—"Lucrezia Borgia" Donizetti
2. The Future of America ..... William J. Thomson.
Sestetto and Finale—"Lucia di Lammermoor"
3. "Spartacus" ..... Henry Beadle, Jr.
4. "Upidee Galop" ..... Holzmeister.
5. Unveiling of the People ..... Roderick B. Swayne.
Spring Sonata—(Violin obligato) ..... Gungl.
Chorus and Cavatina—"Dinorah" ..... Meyerbeer.
6. Hatuia ..... Theo. F. C. Demarest.
La Scala—Arietta ..... Arditi.
7. Johnny McKay ..... Arthur P. Stanton.
Allan Tannas Galop ..... Holzmeister.
8. Elegantia ..... George W. Ferguson.
Introduction and Chorus—"Ernani," Verdi.
9. A Retrospect ..... Melville Brown.
Finale—"Dinorah" ..... Meyerbeer.
Tutti Frutti (Fugueiti) ..... Meyerbeer.
10. Pathologian Oration ..... Henry B. Batterson.
Duetto—"Aroldo" ..... Verdi.
11. Pathologian Poem ..... James B. Kissam.
Rhenlands Freuden ..... Beckerbo.

Of these, the first one are Freshmen, the next two Sophomores, the next two Juniors, the next three Seniors, and the last a Junior.

Mr. CLARK's effort was a recitation of Hood's well-known "Song of a Shirt." Having first to the Freshmen, and then to the audience, the speaker rapidly and emotionally delivered the recital line in a clear and ringing notes, and displayed much taste and feeling in his rendition, which was really a very creditable performance, both in tone and manner.

The President next announced—after appropriate music by the orchestra—Mr. WM. J. THOMSON, who came forward and proceeded to deliver an original oration on "The Future of America." Mr. THOMSON's manner was manly and self-possessed, and but for one or two points of hesitation, consequent on an imperfect memory, his piece, which have gone through with with a perfectly successful delivery. The key-note of his effort was the patriotic phrase, "Stand for the right!" the nature of which he seemed clearly to comprehend. This well-written section was well received, and obtained frequent applause. Mr. THOMSON retired gracefully before

Mr. HENRY BEADLE, Jr., who recited with vigor a selection entitled "Spartacus," at the close of which he received a fine artistic element of passion and feeling, which "brought down the house." Mr. BEADLE is manifestly an orator of promise.

The next effort was an original poem by Mr. ROSSITER B. BATTERSON, entitled the "Uprising of the People." The composition of this poem is entitled to much praise, for the sentiments were just, and were elegantly expressed. The delivery, especially in the certain portions, hardly did justice to the poem, which, besides, was not perfectly well committed. But it is really high praise to recite poetry than prose, and the speaker had evidently disassociated himself from the trammels of school-boy tradition, and his manner elicited frequent tokens of approval. In fact, he was several times interrupted by applause. Parts of the poem were facetious; but in the main it was a serious and hearty denunciation of sentiments which did credit as well to his head as his heart.

In Italiana, or celebrating the College and thing-arrying the occasion, was next heard, delivered by Mr. THEO. F. C. DEMAREST. There was no much genuine humor and keen wit in this production that we borrowed it, with the design of making a few specimen extracts; but, finding that to do it justice would require more space than we had at our disposal, we were constrained to forego this pleasure. The poem elicited frequent tokens of laughter, and was most admirably recited by Mr. DEMAREST, whose manner quite fitted with his subject. The numerous allusions to different students and members of the Faculty were, of course, sure to call forth boisterous acknowledgment. Mr. DEMAREST retired with due honors, and was succeeded by

Mr. ARTHUR P. STANTON, a gentleman of much refinement and grace of manner, who delivered a very elegant and finished poem, entitled "Johnny McKay," in a style which would throw no discredit on the best accomplished elocutionists. The poem abounded in rich and delicate humor, and the sweet Scottish dialect in which were couched the sentiments of the brave Johnny was enunciated with a rare comic unction. This, to our mind, was the gem of the programme. Numerous "floral tributes" testified to the delight of the audience.

The President next introduced Mr. GEORGE W. FERGUSON, who delivered a sort of history-oration on the high theme of "Eloquence." His numerous illustrations of bad style in delivery were exquisitely ludicrous, and created vast amusement among his auditors. Toward the termination of Mr. FERGUSON's able effort, he assumed a higher strain, and came out with an unequivocal indorsement of President LINCOLN and his Proclamation. This was, perhaps, injudicious, considering that some of the hearers would be certain to differ with him; and, as the event proved, for when he had reached the point we have indicated, he did prevent for a long time from continuing by the incessant hisses and groans which strove with each other for the proceedings. Mr. FERGUSON's peculiar style, however, would, in the judgment of this particular, the assistance of Mr. FERGUSON was very able, and was accompanied with every appropriate ornament of tone and gesture.

Mr. MELVILLE BROWN next attacked the audience with a stilty-rigorous composition entitled "A Retrospect," in which he reviewed the recent history of the College, and the achievements of some of its graduates who have distinguished themselves in the war.

Among whom was the lamented KEARNY. The remarkable merit of this piece was marred by a too violent manner of delivery, which was, in fact, aggravated by the speaker's hoarseness, but no performance was more warmly and frequently applauded, and numerous bouquets were his ultimate reward.

Mr. HENRY S. SATTERLEE'S "Pathologian Oration," and Mr. JAMES B. KISSAM'S "Pathologian Poem," terminated the programme. Both these gentlemen were the orators of College Societies, and it is fair to presume—though we were unable to stay and decide for ourselves—that they honored the bodies who had begun with honoring them.

We cannot but admire the general manliness and vigor which characterized the performance of these young gentlemen, and the ardent patriotism with which their sentiments were imbued. Nothing mawkish or over-sentimental was heard, and few, if any of the various efforts were grossly strained or unnatural. The entertainment will compare favorably with any which have lately preceded it.

We append a list of the Vice-Presidents and other officers of the occasion:

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Seniors—Richard M. Henry, Frank E. Van Buren.
Juniors—G. Beekman, Charles B. Rice.
Sophomores—William M. Imbrie, Wm. McVickar.
Freshmen—William Hoyt, J. M. Bruce.

MARSHAL.

W. Mathews.

The music by the orchestra, under the direction of Herr HAMMERSTEIN, was uniformly excellent and appropriate.

Ash Wednesday.

To-day is Ash-Wednesday, and will be appropriately observed in the Episcopal and Catholic Churches. There will be a full choral service at Trinity Church at 11 A. M., and prayers at 3 P. M. In St. Paul's chapel there will be a full service and sermon at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. In Trinity chapel there will be morning service at 9 A. M., evening prayers at 4, and third service, with sermon, at 7½ P. M.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION—TUESDAY, Feb. 17, 1863.
1 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT—William Walsh, Esquire, President, and the following Members:

Aldermen—Sp. Morris, Jelly, Michel, Reed, Cheney, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Beale, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley, Lane.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Beale—

Remonstrance of Nicholas Seagriff against paying Forty-sixth-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

Which was referred to Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Jeremiah—

Petition of Edward Roberts to build a bulkhead on Harlem River, between Ninety-third and One Hundred and Sixth Members.

Which was referred to Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

By Alderman Beale—

Resignation of Henry Wallace as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

Whereupon he presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that Edward A. Davis, jr., and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of Henry Wallace, resigned.

Which was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Ryers—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed and authorized to lay down a strip of Belgian pavement, Eighty-sixth-street, Ninetieth-street and Ninety-first-street, between the Third-avenue to the East River, and that the Counsel to the Corporation procure the appointment of one Commissioner therefor.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Mitchell—

Whereas, the late appointment of Commissioner of Deeds has been revoked by the Corporation Department of a Commissioner, which is now actually required for the business of said Department; therefore be it

Resolved, That William R. W. Chambers be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New-York.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Hardy—

Resolved, That the sewer on the eighth avenue, between Forty-seventh-street and Forty-ninth-street, be built in the manner and form not already done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Harty—

Resolved, That the route of the railroad through Seventh-avenue, in the City of New-York, be changed, so that the said railroad shall run on Tenth-avenue, to Fifty-seventh-street; thence through and along Fifty-seventh-street to Eighth-avenue; thence through along Eighth-avenue to Fifty-ninth-street; thence through and along Fifty-ninth-street, to Second-avenue, in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Ordinances of the Common Council.

Which was referred to Committee on Railroads.

By Alderman Beale—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed and authorized to issue, for a term of years, the entire upper portion of the building known as the Broadway Theatre, situated on the corner of Broadway and Worth-street, for the exclusive use of the Street Commissioner's Department, and at an annual rent not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Ryers—

Resolved, That the Croton Aqueduct Board be and they are hereby directed to construct a temporary outlet to sewer at the foot of Twenty-fifth-street, North River.

Which was referred to Committee on Sewers.

MOTIONS.

Alderman Beale moved to suspend all orders of business down to the order of

PAPERS HEREFOREFORE LAID OVER.

Which was carried.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen, appointing a Joint Committee to arrange for a suitable celebration of Washington's Birthday, and appropriating —— to defray the expenses thereof.

By Board of Aldermen, resolution amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses incurred through the resolution authorizing the celebration of Washington's Birthday.)

The resolution, as amended, was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Henry, McCool, Reed, Cheney, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Beale, Ottiwell, Farley, Lane—13.

Negative—Aldermen Fox, Hall, Masterson—3.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Farley moved that the Committee on Sewers be discharged from the further consideration of petition with ordinance that a sewer be built in Seventy-third-street, from Fourth-avenue, to connect with sewers in Third-avenue, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was carried.

And the same was laid over.

Alderman Farley moved that the Committee on Sewers be discharged from the further consideration of petition with ordinance that a sewer be built in Forty-eighth-street, from Second-avenue to the East River, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was carried.

And the same was laid over.

REPORT.

The Committee on Sewers presented a report in favor of concurring with the Board of Council in the adoption of a resolution that leave be given to Philip Ludwig to build a drain from number twenty-five Avenue C to connect with the sewer in Third-street, the same to be done under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and at his own expense.

Which was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor, transmitting communications from Commodore Charles Wilkes, Lieut.-Col. Fifth Regiment, and Captain Theodore F. Rodt, First Metropolitan Cavalry.

Which was referred to Committee on National Affairs.

A communication was received from C. L. Strong, transmitting the report of the Superintendent of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.

Which was received and ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, in reply to a resolution relative to the Fort-ally Ferry.

Which was received and referred to Committee on Ferries.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, in reply to resolution referring to a suit against the parties running a ferry from the south side of Grand-street to Williamsburgh.

Which was received and referred to Committee on Ferries.

PAPERS HEREFOREFORE LAID OVER REVIVED.

Resolution, That copies of the assessable and valuation, passed December seventh, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, relative to the death of Col. James H. Ball and others, killed at the battle of Fredericksburgh, be published and transmitted to the families of deceased.

Which was adopted.

Resolution, That the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Peter Tracy, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and thirty-two cents, for services rendered as Clerk of the Fifth District Court, from the twelfth day of January to the fourteenth day of February, and sixty, to the thirteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, The President, Henry, McCool, Reed, Cheney, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Beale, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley, Lane—13.

Report in Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting report of Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting the report of the Board of Councilmen, relative to the City, by Henry B. Dawson, of Morrisania, of the entire series of the resolutions which were made by the Treasurer of the Corporation of the City to the parent military organization of the City, during the year of the occupation of the City by the royal forces, under Generals Howe, Clinton and Cornwallis, with a view to expressing the thanks of the City to Mr. Dawson for the present; second, directing the preparation and presenting five hundred copies of the resolutions, and appropriating five hundred dollars as a remuneration to Mr. Dawson for the labor expended in searching for and illustrating the papers referred to.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Henry, Hall, McCool, Reed, Cheney, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Beale, Ottiwell, Farley, Lane—13.

Negative—Aldermen Fox, Masterson—2.

Bill of A. T. Stewart for articles furnished for the funeral of Colonel Bell, Major Horgan and Captain Hoeflang.

Which was ordered paid by the following vote, viz:

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, The President, Henry, McCool, Reed, Cheney, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Beale, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley, Lane—13.

Report in Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting report of Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting the report of the Board of Councilmen, relative to the City, by Henry B. Daw

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MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Feb. 17, 1863.

$3,000 U. S. 6s, Coupons, 1881 ... 98 ... 100 Erie R. ... 26
$5,000 do ... 98 ... 100 do ... 26
$5,000 do ... 98 ... 100 Hudson R. ... 100
$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Reg. ... 98 ... 100 N. Y. Cen. R. ... 118
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$2,000 do ... 98 ... 100 do ... 118
$1,000 U. S. 6s, '71, Reg. ... 98 ... 100 Erie R. Pref. ... 75
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$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Coup. ... 98 ... 100 do ... 75
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WINTER GARDEN—HAMLET.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—THE FAIR ONE WITH GOLDEN LOCKS.

WALLACK'S—HERNANI.

BUTON'S GARDEN—LEAH, THE FORSAKEN.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—THE EXPANSE OF BEAUTY—CORNER-STONE-REPUBLICANS, &c., at all hours. COLLEEN BAWN—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW HALL OF ART, No. 663 Broadway—BANVARD'S PANORAMA OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE WAR.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We learn from headquarters of the Army of the Potomac that two expeditions have recently been sent to break up the contraband traffic between the rebels in Maryland and Virginia, with the most satisfactory results. Near the extremity of the peninsula, between the Potomac and the Rappahannock, a large quantity of provisions and a number of horses, mules, &c., were seized, together with two large mail bags. Several vessels used in carrying supplies were destroyed, and several smugglers, some rebel soldiers and a rebel signal officer were captured.

We learn from Vicksburgh of a skirmish near Lake Providence, Carroll County, La., a few miles above, between a scouting party of National troops and a body of rebels, in which a considerable number of the latter were killed and 32 taken prisoners. Ninety horses were also captured. Our loss was small.

Advices have reached Gen. CURTIS' headquarters in St. Louis, from Arkansas, that HINDMAN's rebel army is completely demoralized, and is wholly inefficient. Three hundred of his men are said to have frozen to death during the recent retreat from Van Buren.

Advices from New-Orleans to the 8th inst. are received by the *Creole*, which arrived at this port yesterday. Nothing of special interest had occurred since the date of previous advices, though preparations were in active progress for the new campaign in the Lafourche country. Brig.-Gen. WEITZEL was on the eve of departure with his expedition up the Bayou Teche. The movement is said to have actually commenced on the 8th. A letter says: "The affair has been planned with profound secrecy. The progress of Gen. WEITZEL will by no means prove bloodless. He must overcome resistance at every step. He will probably be supported by some four or five gunboats—the prize *Calhoun*, a ferry-boat carrying a 100-pounder, the *Kineman*, also an old ferry-boat carrying a 100-pounder gun; the *Estrella*, and one or two others." Gen. BANKS had issued an important order prohibiting foreclosures of mortgages and forced sales under certain circumstances.

The Louisville *Journal* denies the statement that there are ten thousand rebel troops in Kentucky, southeast of Somerset. On Feb. 13, however, information was received at headquarters in Louisville, to the effect that about two hundred rebel cavalrymen were at Ravena, in Russell County, and that they had gone off in the direction of Albany, in Lincoln County. These two hundred are a portion of a force of nine hundred men, under command of Col. TUCKER and Col. LEWIS STEDMAN STONEMAN, alias "Col. WHITE," who was quartered at Trevine, on Wolfe River. The great object of these troops is to steal horses and supplies. Their career in that portion of the State will soon be closed.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a joint resolution was reported from the Post-office Committee, authorizing the collection of foreign postage in coin. The bill reorganizing the Engineer Corps was reported back from the Military Committee. The bill to authorize contracts to be made with those parties which have advanced pay to the soldiers, was opposed adversely. The bill to prevent agents of the Government, members of Congress, etc., from taking any consideration for procuring place, office, or contracts, was passed. The bill authorizing letters-of-marque and reprisal was considered. An amendment in the shape of a substitute, authorizing the President in all domestic and foreign wars to issue letters-of-marque, was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed, 27 to 8. The Secretary of the Treasury was called upon for information relative to the New-York Custom-house frauds. The Senate adjourned after holding an executive session.

In the House, the Committee on Military Affairs was instructed to inquire into the efficiency of the Medical Department of Gen. GRANT's Army. A bill was reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, making certain regulations regarding the Indian trust funds. Mr. WICKLIFFE, of Kentucky, sought to introduce a preamble and resolution making inquiries regarding the appointment of Judge PEABODY as Civil Judge of New-Orleans, but objection was made. The Indian Appropriation bill was passed. The Louisiana Election cases were then taken up, and the House finally voted to admit Messrs. FLANDERS and HAHN, by a vote of 93 to 44. The case of SAMUEL MCKENZIE, claiming an election from Virginia, was decided against him. The Senate's amendments to the bill to provide ways and means to support the Government were all acted upon, and the House adjourned.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, the bill to appropriate a portion of the surplus revenue of the Literature Fund to the benefit of academies, was passed; also the bill to appropriate the proceeds of the State tax to the support of the Common Schools. A majority report was made in favor of incorporating the Roman Catholic Churches. The Assembly resolutions eulogizing Gen. MCCLELLAN, and inviting him to visit the Capitol, were laid on the table, 14 to 9. The privilege of the floor were extended to Gen. CORCORAN during his stay in the city. The general bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, was ordered to a third reading. The Senate soon afterward adjourned.

In the Assembly, a communication was received from the Comptroller, including one from Comptroller BRENNAN, of this City, showing that some of the City banks decline to pay the State tax, on the ground that they have invested their capital in United States Stocks, which are exempt from taxation by act of Congress. The question is now before the Courts. The communication was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means. Brig.-Gen. CORCORAN was invited to the floor, and was received with a speech of welcome by Speaker GALLOOLY, to which he responded. A recess of ten minutes was then taken, during which the members were introduced to the General. Bills of no special importance were then acted upon in Committee of the Whole until the adjournment.

GENERAL NEWS.

A large audience assembled at the hall corner of Twenty-second-street and Broadway last evening, and listened to peace addresses from Hon. ELI P. NORTON, of this City, Rev. Mr. BENEDICT, of Buffalo, and others. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Democratic Club, and presided over by Hon. LUKE P. COZZENS.

The Board of Supervisors, met at 3 P. M. yesterday. The Mayor sent in the name of O. SLOAN HOLDER for the office of Marshal, and a long discussion ensued on the question of confirmation. The nomination, it appeared, was made at the request of the Comptroller, who desires the services of a Marshal to collect the taxes on United States stocks refused by the banks. The Democrats and Republicans were both divided on the question. Some favored the nomination as a matter of the highest public importance, and promised that Mr. HOLDER's operations should be confined to the Finance Department; others opposed it, and wished to make it the basis of further conference with the Mayor, with the view of agreeing upon the appointment of the thirty Marshals authorized by law. It was stated that both sides had agreed in caucus to make the whole number of appointments in a batch, or else not to make them at all. The nomination was finally tabled. The Mayor vetoed the annual Appropriation bill, in a message which Mr. PURDY said "read the Board a lecture unworthy the notice of a dignified body." The message speaks of several of the proposed appropriations as being of extravagant proportions. It is printed entire in another column. The resolution to pay a bill amounting to $110, for cement furnished for the New Court-house, was passed over the Mayor's veto. The Board adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M. on next Tuesday.

The "Semi-Annual" of the students of Columbia College took place yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, at Wallack's Theatre. The building was crowded, and the exercises passed off with entire success, terminating at about 2½ P. M.

The cargo of the prize steamer *Princess Royal*, now at Philadelphia, has been all taken out except some machinery. As the cases have not yet been opened, it is not known what number of shell arms she had on board. But two heavy pieces of ordnance were found, said to be 70-pounders. The early discharge of the cargo is to facilitate the delivery of the vessel to the Navy Department at her appraised value. As she is represented to be very fast, it is believed that she can be at once made available as one of the blockading fleet.

The argument on the mandamus, issued to the Comptroller in the matter of the Fort Gansevoort property, was yesterday partially heard before Justice BARNARD at Chambers of the Supreme Court. The matter is still pending.

There was a further rise of 1-16@⅛ ₱ cent. on Gold Coin yesterday, on rumors from Washington that the issue of United States Notes of legal tender would be largely increased. The Railroad Shares sympathized to some extent. Gold left off 158¼. Erie, 75¼@¾ ₱ cent. Money easy to the Brokers at 6@7 ₱ cent.

Breadstuffs continued in good demand yesterday, at a further general rise in prices. Pork and Beef were less active; while Bacon, Lard, Butter and Cheese, were freely purchased at buoyant rates. Cotton was dull and heavy. Groceries, Metals, Oils, Fruit, Hides, Spices, Fire Crackers and Clover Seed, attracted more attention. A fair business was reported in Hay, Hops, Jute Hemp, Leather, Tallow, Wool, and Tobacco. Whisky was less sought after. The freight engagements were fair, but at easier and irregular rates.

The Live Stock Markets show few changes this week. In numbers there are 8,375 cattle, 8,543 sheep and 21,096 live hogs, which differs very little from the receipts of the previous week. The demand for all butcher's animals is good, and prices continue to rule high. Beeves are in large supply, again the receipts for two weeks being over 11,000. They were all sold, however, mostly at last week's rates, or a trifle less. Of the 4,544 on sale at Forty-fourth-street at least 3,000 were disposed of Monday, and those remaining over for the second day's transactions did not bring as good prices by ½c.@¾c. ₱ lb., and sales were slow until noon, when a northeast rainstorm suggested the liability of blockaded trains and a short supply next week, which led butchers to secure what cattle were left. The closing sales were rather better than those of a few hours previous. Good premium cattle were sold for 12½c. ₱ lb. to full and weight, and a whole drove of fat Durhams averaged 10½c. Good range cattle generally sold at 9c.@10c. and 10c. The average of all sales was about 9½c. Sheep are plenty, and 1c. cheaper, bringing 7½c.@7½c. ₱ lb. live weight. All sorts have sold. Live hogs are unchanged in price. Good fat hogs are in fair demand, but poor thin hogs sell slowly. Prime hogs are worth 6½c.@6¾c.

FRENCH INTERMEDDLING.—The *Courrier des Etats-Unis* is not at all satisfied with Secretary SEWARD's reply to the French proposal for the appointment of Commissioners to adjust the differences between our Government and the rebels. It concedes the "incontestable *right*" of the Government of the United States to reject the proposition of the French Emperor; but, unless the French make all possible allowance for the inspirations of politicians in the American Secretary, it is quite confident they will find it very difficult to regard Mr. SEWARD's reply as anything but "deliberately discourteous."

If the *Courrier* puts the argument upon this ground, there can be little difficulty in meeting it. If there has been any discourtesy in the matter, it belongs predominantly to the French Emperor. The very fact of his proposing his mediation upon us without invitation, without the slightest ground for supposing that it would be acceptable in the face, indeed, of the most distinct declarations that foreign intervention in this matter would not be tolerated, is itself a discourteous proceeding. Foreign mediation is allowable when it is solicited. When two contending parties, separated by barriers of etiquette, desire to come to an understanding, and each is unwilling to make the first approaches, either may apply to a friendly foreign Power to pave the way for intercourse between them. If either our Government or the rebels had solicited the French Emperor to open the door for negotiations between the two, he would have rendered both an essential service by doing so.

But this is not at all the character of his proceeding. He has taken the initiative himself. He has assumed to suggest modes of procedure in the interest of France and without the slightest regard to the wishes, rights or interests of the contending parties. To our minds it is not easy to imagine anything more decidedly or distinctly "discourteous" than such a proceeding. It may be very well for LOUIS NAPOLEON to offer his gratuitous advice to the King of Sardinia or the Pope of Rome. It may pass in both those cases for decrees that are to be obeyed without hesitation. He will find the practice work very differently in its application to this country. Upon one thing he may rely with confidence—the more he presses his advice upon us, the more it will not be followed.

The Price of Peace and Union.

The philosophers who have taken the political education of the North into their hands, have begun once more to inculcate upon the Northern people the necessity of maintaining a rigid silence regarding Slavery, and all questions arising out of Slavery, as an essential condition either of the restoration of the Union, or its preservation. One of them, Mr. R. J. TILDEN, has disinterred during the past week a letter which he wrote in 1860, prophesying the revolt of the South in case LINCOLN were elected; and with that amusing confidence in the national baseness by which men of his school have always been characterized, points to the fulfillment of his prophesy as a crowning proof of the folly and imbecility of his opponents. That civil war should have followed the exercise by the larger portion of the people of their constitutional right of discussing the most momentous question of modern times, and of voting for a President whose convictions accorded with their own, is to him so complete a demonstration of the stupidity and wickedness of either speaking their minds or coming to the polls, that he evidently imagines that he has only to call attention to it, in order to make the Republicans both ashamed and repentant.

To people of Mr. TILDEN's way of thinking, it is sufficient if this Continent belong to the American Union;—upon what ideas or principles that Union is based—what doctrines it represents in the eyes of the world—what sort of institutions grow under its shadow, and what influence it exercises upon humanity at large, are of no sort of consequence. To the South he would leave the privilege of deciding what laws, and manners, and morals our flag should carry with it in its march; and to the North he assigns the divine *role* of holding its tongue and making money.

The grand remedy for our troubles, if we are to believe these doctors, is "self-restraint," or, in other words, an absolute avoidance of all writing or talking or agitating on the subject of Slavery. We must, according to Mr. TILDEN, if we mean to preserve the Union, think, feel, and speak with regard to Slavery in the Southern States, precisely as if it were Slavery in Brazil, or any other foreign country. "This," he says, "is the true theory of local self-government under our Federal Constitution," and he then asks as a clincher, "how long could an organized popular agitation in England against France, and in France against England continue, without actual hostilities, especially if embracing a majority of the people and governments?"

Now, we take it for granted that if the "Conservative" party plume themselves upon anything, it is upon their intense practicality. They look on all supporters of the war and upon all opponents of Slavery as "visionaries;" but we should like to ask whether there was ever, even by the Fifth Monarchy men, so visionary a scheme propounded as that of imposing complete silence upon a political community numbering twenty millions, and who have lived for three hundred years under a system of government based on complete freedom of speech, upon a subject of such tremendous religious, moral, material and political moment in the eye, not only of the North and South, but of the whole civilized world, as Slavery notoriously is? If the South were a foreign nation to-morrow, you could not prevent denunciations of Slavery at the North. The community of language and religion, even if the Slave States were not close neighbors, would make the discussion continue as long as the topic was in existence, because the agitators could never be persuaded that their agitation did not tell; and the more the South waxed restive under it, the more vigorously and zealously they would ply the pen.

Our distance from England, and total political separation, has not sufficed, as the world knows, to prevent Englishmen from making American Slavery a constant subject of denunciation and warning, and has not prevented the existence of Abolition societies all over the United Kingdom, when there was not a single slave left in the British dominions. There are no assaults made here upon Slavery in Brazil, for the simple reason that they would never be read by the Brazilians; but we should hope that even the "diffusers of political information" are not so wanting in it themselves as not to know that, if it were certain that anything said in Boston or New-York threw Brazilian slaveholders into paroxysms of fear and fury, we should in a week have dozens of orators, newspapers and associations assailing the peculiar institution of Brazil with almost as much zeal as they have ever bestowed on that of the South.

The main reason, however, why the Northern public treats Brazilian Slavery with that wholesome neglect which Mr. TILDEN so much admires, is, that no Northern man is called on either to help or injure it, either with sword, or purse, or vote. The American flag does not protect it, or the national influence seek to dignify or sanctify it; nor are the national Territories, acquired in part, at least, by Northern "blood and treasure," thrown open to it; nor are black men seized in Northern streets, and hurried away to Brazilian plantations, on suspicion of being runaways. In short, wherever there is cooperation about Slavery, you must allow discussion about it; and the only way to put an end to it, was to withdraw the whole subject from the domain of national politics, and to confine it to the States. If England and France were engaged in any common object, such as the conquest of Mexico, and the French insisted on using the English army and English treasure in order to establish, on the territory thus acquired, a despotism precisely like that of France, the English Press, and pulpit, and platform would certainly have their word to say about this abuse of English aid, and the evils of French tyranny. They would not be awed into silence either by the pusillanimity of the Ministry or the greed of stock-jobbers. And if any one got up and begged them to beware what they said—that if they spoke in this strain war would come of it—he would see nothing but scorn on every lip, and defiance in every eye.

There is, in short, no nation in the world in which there is a particle of self-respect remaining, in which an appeal to men's fears would not strengthen their courage and inflame their ardor; and the diffusionists will find, before their labors are over, that we are no exception to the rule. If the Union in times past has been of such a kind that free speech endangered its existence, we shall now, while we are in the fold, take care that the Union of the future shall be of too tough a texture to be harmed by articles or speeches, and that there shall be no corner of the continent on which a man may not "speak the thing he wills," without shaking the pillars of State to their foundation.

The Question of Recognition.

We copy from the London *Times* another of those very able articles which have from time to time appeared in that journal under the signature of "Historicus," upon the question of recognizing the independence of the Southern Confederacy. They comprise the most thorough and exhaustive treatment of the subject, both on the ground of historical precedent and on that of international law, which has come to our notice. The writer takes the ground that neutral States cannot recognize the independence of any revolted province or portion of any country, *so long as the Government maintains a serious contest for the suppression of the revolt*. While there are any armies in the field—while the war is actually continued, neutral nations may not rightfully interpose. They are bound, in justice and in law, to await the issue of the contest, and that cannot be known until the contest itself is abandoned.

This is the broad ground taken by the writer in the *Times*, and in the article which we copy this morning, he shows, by very pertinent and conclusive historical citations, that it is the rule upon which the British Government has always acted, which has received the unquestioning assent of her ablest and most distinguished statesmen of all parties, and from which she cannot now depart without reversing all her past action and violating the fundamental principles of international law, as laid down and recognized by herself. He examines the action of England in regard to the South American Republics, as in previous articles, which we have copied, he examined her action in regard to Belgium, Greece and Texas, and shows conclusively, in our judgment, that it has always been conformed to the broad rule to which we have referred.

Discussions of this sort have not engaged much attention thus far among our public men,—mainly, we presume, because their attention has been engrossed in the details of passing events. In neither House of Congress, nor in the documents of the State Department, have the legal aspects of this question been canvassed; and with the exception of one or two very able papers from Mr. EVARTS in the *Ledger*, we have seen no attempt to bring the precedents of history to bear upon any of the great questions growing out of our contest with the rebellion. Yet we regard these as preeminently the proper methods of discussing them. They are the arguments, and almost the only arguments, which carry weight with diplomatists and Governments, and it is highly important that their precise bearing should be understood.

It may be that there is no immediate prospect that the Southern Confederacy will be recognized by any of the leading Powers of Europe—though indications of such a result are by no means lacking. But our Government will unquestionably take the ground that any such recognition, so long as we continue the war and maintain it with sufficient force to constitute a "serious contest"—*will be equivalent to a declaration of war*; and will follow it up by corresponding acts. And the article from the London *Times*, which we publish this morning, shows conclusively that we shall be sustained in such a course, by the principles of international law and by the unbroken practice of the British Government.

TO OUR ENGLISH FRIENDS.—We are obliged to our English friends who have recently made demonstrations, in favor of our Government and its policy, in London, Liverpool and Lancashire. We are quick to appreciate and reciprocate every instance of good will from any quarter, and all the more so that we have found so little of it during this struggle for National Freedom and the Union.

If our friends, however, would do us a still greater favor than express their sympathy with our Government, it might take the form of a remonstrance with *their own Government* for its complicity with the rebels. If they would take it to task, for instance, for winking at the fitting out of pirates to prey upon our commerce,—if they would remonstrate with the Ministry for permitting its colonial appointees to aid and abet these pirates in every way possible,—if they would use their influence with Parliament to displace a Ministry nearly every member of which has declared for the rebellion,—if, in short, they would exercise whatever power they possess to rectify English official action regarding the rebellion of Slaveholders—they might do us a practical service. And if descending from their efforts with officials, they should bring the force of public sentiment to bear upon Liverpool and Glasgow blockade-runners, Anglo-rebel newspapers, and upon all those who are aiding and comforting the rebellion—we might, in course of time, derive some benefit from their labors.

We know very well that the bulk of those who attended and spoke at these meetings do not belong to the ruling classes, and that they do not exercise any direct influence upon the political action of their Government. But we know also the immense power that was exercised by the working and lower classes of England on the West India Slavery Abolition question, on the Corn-Law question, and on other questions that appealed to popular feeling.

The Government and governing classes of England have already done us nearly all the harm they could do; while their leading Presses, in talking of us, have exhausted the vocabulary of vituperation and Satanic hate. They have given nearly all the aid to the rebels that was in their power; and have encouraged and stimulated them in their atrocious work when they were about sinking with discouragement and ill-fortune. These things can never be repaired, and it will take a long time to efface them from our memory. But, damaged and maligned infamously though we have been by England, there would be no harm in the guilty parties bringing forth works meet for repentance.

Our Southwestern Territory—Triumphs of Our Arms.

All the Territories of the United States now seem to be clear of belligerent rebels. Last year at this time they were rampant in New-Mexico, and held its capital; they roamed and ravaged at their will through the unorganized regions of Arizona; and they held undisputed possession of the Indian country west of Arkansas. Now, New-Mexico is entirely free from rebels, and a loyal Legislature is at this moment sitting in Santa Fé, legislating loyally; and the acting Governor of the Territory (Mr. ARNY) has just sent in to that body one of the very best Gubernatorial messages we have ever read. From this document we learn that our gallant little army from California and Colorado, aided by the native volunteers, have not only driven the invaders permanently from New-Mexico, but have taken possession of El Paso and Fort Bliss, and detachments of troops have been sent to Camp Quitman and Fort Davis, in Texas, the latter fort being 200 miles east of El Paso. All the forts down to some distance in the Northwestern part of Texas have been evacuated and abandoned by the rebels; and Fort Clark, 120 miles from San Antonio, is the nearest fort to El Paso held by the Texans.

Arizona, too, has been swept clean of the rebels, who, a year ago, held nearly all its forts and Passes, and the wild Indians also have been put under military surveillance. Mesilla and Tucson, the principal towns in Arizona, are garrisoned by loyal Californians; a military post has wisely been established in the Apache Pass, which commands the great thoroughfare to California, and has to be gone through by all persons traveling the southern route; and a chain of Union vedettes has been established from Tucson to Los Angeles in California. Arizona—which, though nominally a part of California, is really a separate Territory, and ought at once to be organized by Congress as such—is 700 miles in length and 100 in width, and has a population of 6,000 whites, 4,000 wild Indians and 20 negroes. Recent discoveries of gold have been made in the Territory, and extensive silver mining operations were being carried on when the rebellion broke out; but these enterprises being mostly conducted by Northern men were all broken up by the rebels a year and a half ago. Since the establishment of our authority and of order, the miners are beginning to return, and a considerable emigration is expected in the Spring.

The chief military posts in the Indian Country, immediately west of Arkansas, are now also in undisputed possession of our troops. There are two small Union forces in that region—one composed mainly of Indians, under Col. PHILLIPS, who is in command of the Territory, and another of white soldiers, stationed in the Cherokee Nation. The rebels have no organized force in the Territory now, though there are one or two Indian regiments in the thrice-routed army of HINDMAN, who is still hovering on the confines of the Indian country. The Indians have had quite enough of rebel rule during the past two years; and from what we have recently learned from a leading man among the Cherokees, we have no doubt they will now joyfully return to the protection of the Union. They have probably suffered as much from the rebellion as the people of any State or region in the whole land. Many of them were loyal, and the drunken rebel savages under PIKE set upon such with a fury and ferocity which could not be surpassed by Louisiana "Tigers." Villages were burnt down, farms broken up, women and children tortured and killed, and thousands, literally thousands, driven into exile in Kansas. These will now return home, and a meeting of the Council of the Cherokee Nation was called on the 2d of this month to repeal the ordinance of secession, which was passed at the point of the bayonet, or rather at the edge of the tomahawk. It is understood also that the Cherokee Council will abolish Slavery in the nation, and accept the terms of the President's Compensated Emancipation scheme. The first of January Proclamation did not apply to the Indian Nations, nor, we believe, do they come under the law of Congress abolishing Slavery in the Territories. The number of slaves held by Cherokees is 2,500, and in the whole country there are between seven and eight thousand.

Thus the whole of the vast region, extending from the Southern boundaries of Kansas and Colorado southerly and southwesterly to the confines of Mexico, which last year, at this time, was all in the hands of rebel marauders, is now again owning peacefully and loyally under the Stars and Stripes. It would, of course, be more agreeable than this if Richmond, Vicksburgh or Charleston were in our hands. But still, our successes out there are not a matter of insignificance.

NEWSPAPER DICTATION ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.—The London *Times* has had a good deal to say of the extraordinary pressure of the American Press upon the Government and the Generals in command of our armies. Mr. RUSSELL, while acting as the *Times* correspondent in this country, dwelt upon this as a very curious feature of the war. It seemed amazing to a *Times* man that an editor should have the audacity to form or express an opinion on military affairs.

We find in some of the London papers a bit of historical literature which may show that the conduct of the American Press in this particular was not wholly without precedent. During the Crimean war, the *Times* was by no means sparing in its denunciations of British Generals and Admirals for the slowness and caution of their movements. Nor was this pressure confined to its public columns. On the 4th of October, a fortnight after the battle of the Alma, and just on the heels of the report brought by a "Tartar," and credited by the French Emperor and the London *Times*, that Sebastopol had fallen, the editor of that journal wrote as follows to Admiral Sir CHARLES NAPIER, then in the Baltic:

LONDON, Oct. 4, 1854.

MY DEAR SIR CHARLES: I have been out in the Black Sea, where I witnessed the landing of the allied armies in the Crimea, or the two letters I found waiting for me should not have remained so long unanswered.

As a friend, I am bound to tell you what perhaps no one else will have the frankness to write, that your conduct in the Baltic has caused extreme dissatisfaction to the Government and to the public, and has already pared far, very far, to tarnish your well-earned reputation.

You know how unwilling I am to believe that you have done less than any other man could do; but I confess that your letters do not convince me that, with so splendid a fleet, you should be able to do nothing more (*etc. in orig.*) than the reduction of a petty fortress and the enforcement of a strict blockade. Of course there are difficulties; and great one—of course the weather is not the most propitious—but the country, and especially your friends, have been taught to think that you were the man to overcome difficulties, and that, with a steam fleet as you have was almost independent of wind and weather. Since you have gone out, too, everything has tended to demonstrate more than ever the hollowness of Russian strength.

Her best armies have been routed by a mob of Turks, and have recoiled before a petty fort, after a siege in which they had exhausted all their strength and skill. Now, an allied army, the great force of the Crimea, which it was thought would require a regular investment and a prolonged siege, has been taken by assault within ten days after the troops had landed, their fleet burnt, and their army captured or destroyed. Do you think that after this the public will be satisfied with an excuse of 'diversion,' which preserves your fleet, indeed, from all injury, but which leaves the enemy the same impunity? I assure you they will not; and the Government will be supported by the country in removing from your command, if nothing more is done than you, have attempted. In the profession and among the officers of your fleet especially, your conduct is most severely condemned. They declare that Revel, Helsingfors or Cronstadt itself, might have been long since destroyed—that you, thirty years ago, would have been the man to do it—but that now you never have fan failed you, and that, in the battle of raining fire, you kept safe from it, Portsmouth. I am sure there is no truth in this, but it is said everywhere; and the fact that, with as splendid a force, you allow fort the Russians unassailable and invincible, when everyone else, with much less means, cannot their armies and destroys their forts, is strong against you. For your own sake, then, and for that of your friends, who have so long supported you and asserted your claims, do make an effort, cause to find difficulties!—any old women can find them. Strike a blow which shall be worthy of your once great reputation, and of the country, and relieve, if you can, the glory of the capture of Sebastopol by the destruction of Cronstadt.

Unless you do something of the kind, you are a lost man; you will return like Sir R. CORNER, and perhaps some one of your subalterns will reap all the laurels you have failed to gain.

This I know, is not pleasant to read, but it is the truth, and even Admirals should hear the truth sometimes. Pray believe it, and act so that your friends will not have to blush for you, and to hear even Dundas extolled at your expense. You have to choose between glory and disgrace, for the failure to achieve one will assure the other.

I give you the best proof of my friendship in writing you this letter, and am, my dear Sir CHARLES, with sincere good wishes, very faithfully yours,

JOHN T. DELANE.

This is about as strong an instance of editorial dictation as our war has thus far afforded. The "On to Richmond" cry was nothing to it.

THE CASE OF THE LITTLE EDWIN.—Mr. JOSEPH EVANS, of this City, sends to us to say that a report in our law columns of the prize case of the schooner *Lost Zebra*, is calculated to injure him by giving the impression that he was the owner of the vessel which was captured in suspicious proximity to the Southern coast. We do not see how such a construction could be put upon the report of the case. It is true that it stated that the vessel had on board of her a certificate of her registry to Mr. EVANS as owner, but it stated also that that registry was dated in September, 1862, and in the same sentence said that she had on board a charter from other persons as owners, dated in November, 1862, just before she was captured. But to avoid all possibility of harm, we will add that Mr. EVANS has shown to us the proof of his having sold the vessel, and having had no interest in her whatever on the voyage in question.

The New-Hampshire Union Convention.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The New-Hampshire Union Convention, which met here to-day, was very well attended. Hon. WM. C. CLEAR, of Manchester, presided.

Col. WALTER HARRIMAN of the Eleventh New-Hampshire Regiment, was nominated the Union candidate for Governor by acclamation, and Col. JOHN C. GRAHAM, of the Tenth Regiment, for Railroad Commissioner.

The resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, are as follows:

Believing that there can be no neutrals in the present struggle for national existence, and that he who is not for his country is against it, therefore,

Resolved, That we are in favor of the continued prosecution of the war until the unholy rebellion is suppressed, and of the use of every power conferred in civilized warfare to bring it to a speedy close.

Resolved—That, in the language of the Immortal Dawes, we have no sympathy with those who are attempting to make political capital out of the misfortune of our country.

Third—That not to stand by the Government in this crisis would be a base desertion of our gallant countrymen now defending our flag in the field, and would render of no avail the blood already shed in defence of the Constitution and the Union.

Gen. HARMON, of Texas, was present, and made an eloquent speech, occupying an hour and three-quarters. He was followed by Hon. B. F. FLANDERS, of New-Orleans, and others. The Convention was harmonious and enthusiastic.

The Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois Rivers Rising Rapidly.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

There was a slight rain last night.

The Mississippi River to Keokuk is rising, with 10 feet of water at Cairo.

The Illinois River is open in Peoria, and swelling rapidly.

The Missouri River is rising, and open for several hundred miles.

The Constitution of Western Virginia.

WHEELING, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The amendment known as the "Willey Amendment," inserted by Congress in the new Constitution of the new State of Western Virginia, was unanimously ratified to-day by the Constitutional Convention. It will be submitted to the people on the 26th of March. There is no doubt that it will be overwhelmingly ratified. The amendment provides for gradual emancipation, commencing July 4, next.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Reception of Gen. Cercoran by the Legislature.

An Address of Welcome in the Assembly—The General's Reply.

An Important Communication from Comptroller Brennan.

CITY BANKS REFUSING TO PAY TAXES.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1863.

M. S. SMITH, in the House, proposes to investigate the sale of the Gansevoort property, in the City of New-York, by a Committee who shall have power to send for persons and papers. It is not surprising that investigation should be proposed in this case. It is, however, a matter of surprise that investigation is not proposed in other cases, where, according to rumor apparently of such authenticated as in the Gansevoort case, irregular sums have been paid to influence action in and out of the Legislature. Unless rumor belies more than usual, this is not the only Committee that may, with entire propriety, be raised. It is curious to notice how the community is sometimes astonished by developments of corruption, the existence of which there had long been abundant proof, and in regard to which there never was much doubt, in circles best informed. The late report of Senator Gunnison to Congress, by which the existence of numerous frauds in chartering steamboats for the army is fully established, is to point. The essential facts were known to hundreds of witnesses before the investigation—indeed they were a matter of public notoriety; but what care we to hear alleged facts in other cases where no investigation is as yet proposed—cases not confined to Congress. Nothing is more notorious than the disinclination thus far years been growing corrupt. The use of money, in various ways, is alleged to be and at all events, not only to procure the passage of bills, but to secure support for personal aspirations. It is not wonderful, therefore, that the expression of the gravest apprehension is often heard, in view of this degenerating tendency.

The proceedings of the two Houses to-day were varied by the reception given to Gen. MEAGHER-CERCORAN, which was a genuine manifestation of regard to a gallant officer of the army. The remarks of Speaker CLLESON, welcoming the General to the floor of the House, were well conceived and eloquent, and the response of the General was modest and appropriate. In the Senate the President conducted the General to the seat in front of the Chair, where he sat for a short time and then retired.

The General is here on official business, and his welcome was as unexpected to him as it was genuine as a mark of respect.

Just previous to these proceedings, the Senate had taken up the concurrent resolutions tendering, through the Governor, an invitation to Maj.-Gen. McClellan to the Capital, and laid them on the table by a vote of 19 to 9. This action was probably unexpected, and I am sure its wisdom is not universally recognized. The resolutions passed the House almost unanimously, after mature deliberation, and it is said that Gen. McClellan is now the guest of Hon. Wm. Kent, in the neighborhood of Rhinebeck, where, it is further said, he had reason to expect the invitation would reach him. Gov. SEWARD went down to-day, the same place last evening, and it is understood that a select party will meet together at the residence of Mr. KENT to-day. Such a gathering will have the peculiarity of including within its circle the two most prominent candidates for the Presidency on the Democratic side. It is said that a sober second thought has crept into the heads of certain Seymour Democrats that by courting Gen. McClellan over Gov. SEWARD they shed a shadow on the prospect of their favorite. The rejection of the resolutions of invitation in the Senate to-day, was, however, not on the ground, though it is said that certain Seymour Democrats experienced secret satisfaction thereat.

RODERICK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

By Mr. ARNOT.—To require the Central and Erie Railroad Companies to make monthly and yearly reports of their freight business.

On motion of Mr. PRUYN, the bill was recommitted for the purpose of hearing objections.

By Mr. MASTERSON.—To establish the Kings County Jail limits.

Mr. SAUNDERS introduced a bill for the improvement of the Tonawanda Indians.

BILLS PASSED.

To appropriate a portion of the surplus revenue of the Literature Fund to the benefit of Academies.

To authorize the proceeds of the State tax to the support of the Common Schools.

Mr. MERRIT made a majority report in favor of the bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Churches.

THE COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS TO GENERAL M'CLELLAN.

Mr. CORNOCK called up the resolutions, almost unanimously passed by the Assembly, conferring Gen. McClellan, and inviting him to visit the Capital.

Mr. ARNOT moved to lay the resolutions on the table.

Mr. CORNOCK called for the yeas and nays on the motion of Mr. ARNOT.

The yeas and nays were ordered and the resolution laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Arnot, Ball, Cole, Farrar, Folger, Masterson, Pratt, Montgomery, Ramsey, Roberts, Rogers, Rowley, Smith, Stevens, Wakeman, Wright, Young—19.

NAYS—Messrs. W. Clark, Donnelly, Gansevoort, Harlem, Lott, Monroe, Murphy, Price and Taber—9.

Mr. FARRAR joined off with Mr. TABER.

On motion of Mr. CORNOCK, the privileges of the floor were extended to Gen. CORCORAN during his stay in the city.

The general bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes went through the Committee of the Whole, and was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. ARNOT introduced a bill to incorporate the Gansevoort Savings Bank.

Mr. SEWARD then said that his name should be recorded as the seconder on the motion of Mr. ARNOT for the resolutions complimentary to Gen. McClellan on the table.

The request of Mr. BURNLEY was granted. Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The Comptroller sent in a communication including one from Comptroller BRENNAN, of the City of New-York, showing that some banks in that City decline to pay the State tax, on the ground that they have invested their capital in stocks of the United States, and that the notes are secured from taxation by act of Congress. The question is now before the Comptroller, but it was thought that the banks would continue to pay the tax unless the final decision be in the subject. In consequence of the action of the banks, the amount to be received from taxes for the current fiscal year is likely to be diminished some $170,000, which must be provided for in some other way. The Comptroller recommends an increased duty upon salt and the amendment of the Auction law, as proposed in his annual report. These undoubtedly will be sufficient to cover the amount of the anticipated deficiency in the receipts of taxes.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Comptroller holds that while it is not constitutional for the State to tax United States stock, it can tax the capital of banking corporations as such, no matter of what the securities are composed.

Mr. W. DEWEY moved that Brig.-Gen. CORCORAN, who is in the Capitol, be invited to the floor.

Motion adopted.

Messrs. DEWEY, T. C. FRIEND and JOHNSON were appointed a Committee to inform Gen. CORCORAN of the invitation.

On motion of Mr. FRIEND, the Speaker was requested to welcome Gen. CORCORAN to the floor.

When the Committee appeared at the bar of the House with Gen. CORCORAN, the Speaker said:

GENERAL: As Speaker of the House, and in behalf of the Representatives of the State of New-York, in Assembly convened, I welcome you to the floor. The distinguished and patriotic services which you have rendered the public, the army and the country, are well known to the Commonwealth. Sentiments of admiration for the valor and patriotism of the heroic band, have been uttered by the mouths of the battle field, but the sufferings and privations of the heroic band remained for the Representatives of the people of the part of those who have rendered our cause all the glory. In extending to you this welcome, on the part of the people of this State, I perform the pleasant act of my life.

Gen. CORCORAN replied as follows:

Mr. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY: I am unwonted and wanting in words to express my gratitude for the emphatic and unusual manner, which has been given me by the Senate and Assembly of this Legislature. I left Suffolk and came to this State on transport business connected with my Legion, which I remembered at the present time, and to visit Washington on the same errand. I obtained ten days' leave of absence for that object.

I was detained here last night to see Gov. SEWARD, partly on this subject, and partly to express the pleasure and satisfaction I felt at being able, at this time, to call at the Chief Magistrate of this great State of my adoption a pure patriot and statesman. I thank you sincerely for the kind of your reception, and if anything were wanted to serve me to future, it would be found in the kind reception I have met here to-day.

On my first arrival in Washington from the South I had intended to accept of no position, but I was told I might do some public good by laying aside personal preferences in the matter. Therefore I accepted your invitation with more pride, because I feel it was not given to me as ROMAN CATHOLIC, but out of respect to the profession to which I belong, and my gallant countrymen, who have so freely given their services and lives in support of the Government of their adoption.

Gen. CORCORAN was frequently greeted with loud applause during the delivery of his speech, and when he had concluded the House took a recess for ten minutes, and the members crowded around the General and were introduced to him.

The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of bills in Committee of the Whole.

No bills of general importance were acted on.

EVENING SESSION.

The Assembly met at 7 o'clock.

The resolution of Judge DALY on arbitrary arrests came up as the special order. Mr. TAGGART spoke in favor of the resolution. J. S. HAVENS, of Suffolk, made an eloquent and patriotic speech against arbitrary arrests, but declaring in favor of an earnest and vigorous prosecution of the war for the preservation of the Union. He deprecated the strife created, connected with the rebellion, showing before the reversal of the policy of the Administration the Democrats had earnestly supported the Government. The debate was continued at some length, interspersed with spicy remarks between Messrs. MURPHY and DAVIS, during which the former cautioned the friends of the Administration that further outrages on the rights of loyal citizens might induce armed resistance to tyranny in this State.

Mr. DAVIS said the threat implied disloyalty, and was returned on by Mr. MURPHY, until the Chair put a stop to the discussion, as of a personal character.

On motion of Judge DALY, the resolutions were made the special order for Thursday.

Adjourned.

ANOTHER PEACE-SECESH MEETING.

Speeches by Hon. Eli P. Norton and Rev. Mr. Benedict.

CHEERS AND HISSES.

Last evening about five hundred citizens assembled, at the Hall, corner of Twenty-second-street and Broadway, with the satisfaction of hearing an address from Hon. Mr. CASSIDY, of Western Virginia, on the subject of the present state of the country. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic Association, and was presided over by Hon. LEWIS F. CLARKE. The hour appointed—8 o'clock—for the opening of the meeting, having arrived, the chairman of the meeting announced to the audience that he should be necessarily obliged to disappoint them in not presenting Mr. CASSIDY. He concluded his remarks by saying that, in future, efforts would be made to secure the services of distinguished gentlemen to address the public once or twice a week.

Hon. ELI P. NORTON, of this City, was then introduced, and commenced his address by referring to the relations existing between the United States and State Governments. He argued that the Constitution of the United States had been violated by those in power, and in support of his views read extracts from articles 4 and 10 of the Constitution. He held that at the present juncture the people should demand from the National and State functionaries a strict regard for the rights of the American citizen and for the Constitution of the United States. He also held that when by arbitrary power those intrusted with rule violated the Constitution, they were guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor. The Farewell Address of WASHINGTON was next alluded to by the speaker, and the doubt expressed that President LINCOLN had read it, or if he had, done so, he had not given it the attention it deserved. President LINCOLN was again alluded to in the most offensive terms, the speaker styling him a vulgar joker, who dared to violate the sacred instrument by which the people hold their liberties, and by which he held his tenure of office. Gen. SCOTT was bound to protect citizens from unlawful arrests, and he thought he should immediately exercise his authority. Gen. ROSECRANS had issued orders that no negroes should be armed in his Department. He concluded, from that fact, that the Western army would be kept free of negro soldiers. The course of Mr. GARRETT, the editor of the Sunday Post, and Hon. CHARLES SUMNER, was next considered and commented upon. JEFF. DAVIS, said the speaker, was equal to cope with President LINCOLN. Such was his opinion after mature deliberation. They should remember that JEFF. DAVIS is at the head of a Government, and has territory under his jurisdiction, and that when approaches of peace were made to the Southern Governments they should be deemed in appropriate terms. He believed that the men in power at the North were pledged to exercise a full stretch of military authority to carry out their plans. The people should remember that we were striking with belligerents having belligerent rights. The Administration had been guilty of many popular subterfuges. He believed that as soon as the Democratic party came into power the Union would be restored. If ABRAHAM LINCOLN would dismiss from his Cabinet every incumbent not yet in Democratic ranks, the initiative step toward peace would have been taken. Whatever they might do elsewhere, they should not hesitate to immediately vindicate their rights.

Mr. NORTON was interrupted alternately with hisses and applause, according as the sentiments he expressed suit the feelings of disloyal or loyal audience.

Rev. Mr. BENEDICT, of Buffalo, was next introduced as one of the number who was some time since arrested by the authorities on the ground of military necessity. The speaker dwelt at length upon the details of his own arrest, and upon arbitrary arrests in general. He was followed in a few remarks by Mr. BARNEY, of Iowa.

In the course of the evening, the Chairman announced that among others, ANSON J. BARRETT, VALLANDIGHAM, WHITTIER, Vermont and Gen. A. J. SMITH would speak, but it was after ten when the New-York public. At the conclusion of Mr. BARNEY's remarks, the audience dispersed.

Nationals and Mobsis—The Issue of Veracity.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

YOUR London correspondent, "Monadnock," is one whose communications I always look for eagerly and read with attention. But I am disappointed in his last, and venture to be interested by the bad atmosphere which surrounds him.

Passing what he seems to imply of cheerfulness for the acts of Gen. BURSIDE, which I believe General Washington would have heartily approved, I beg to notice his avowed distrust of our official military reports and his belief in those of the rebels. He says, in consequence, "I fear that the lack of such truthfulness has done something to injure the National cause in this country. It is certain that, for some reason, Southern dispatches are generally believed, and Northern ones uniformly distrusted." Now, it is singular that a man of his sagacity should not see a reason that is almost palpable in the very fact of that English authority which on other occasions he so readily distinguishes. We are all set to credit what favors our own preconceptions, and deeply our prejudices and our animosities. Great Britain longs, as she has always done, for the dissolution of this Commonwealth; she hates it for its continually expanding greatness, and dreads, with a dread that is almost terror, its future commercial and naval superiority. Of course, therefore, she tries to the end affects to believe all that may tell against us.

But, let me ask, why should "Monadnock" give more credit to traitors than to honest men? If our Generals lie, should not a portion, those of the other side? Again, how should the rebels better know our losses than we ourselves? And if their estimate be accepted in our cause, should not ours be held equally reliable in theirs? Or does it happen for the first time, that those whose interest it is to lie and to dissemble, are more worthy of credit than those who are, every way, under less temptation to distort the truth?

This, you will see, is calm and logical argumentation. But I now ask, in a temper the better suited to my purpose, if there is any ground for the assertion that in Kentucky which is yet to be disproved, or proved, false to a people whose security, from the outset to the present period, has been shamefully and unwarrantably, from the centre to the circumference, by the most misguided and at the same time, glaring falsehoods.

L. G.

The Mails per the Europa.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1863.

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DIED.

BENNETT.—On Wednesday, Feb. 11, JAMES BENNETT, aged 71 years, 6 months, 6 days.

The remains were interred in the Cemetery of the Evergreens.

BLODGET.—In this City, on Monday, Feb. 16, of pneumonia croup, FRANK L., only son of Samuel F. and Caroline Blodget, aged 4 years, 11 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 216 West 22d-st., on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 1 o'clock.

BRIGGS.—In Fordham, on Monday, Feb. 16, WALTER, son of Peter and Sarah Briggs, aged 23 years, 9 months and 7 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at his late residence, on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

COSTER.—In this City, on Saturday, Feb. 14, of croup, ELEANOR RUSSELL COSTER, daughter of Benjamin and Caroline Coster, of Baltimore, Md., aged 1 year and 9 months.

CLARK.—In this City, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, EDWARD DUSON of Jerry and Mary E. Clark, aged 1 year, 7 months and 1 day.

Funeral will take place from No. 322 West 14th-st., at 4 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, Feb. 19. His remains will be taken to Rye, by the Harlem Railroad.

DEALE.—In this City, on Monday night, Feb. 16, WILLIAM DEALE, in the 47th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of his father-in-law, Joseph F. Hall, No. 608 8th-st.

FARGO.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Feb. 16, MARY BARNES, the beloved wife of Thomas E. Fargo, aged 41 years, 3 months and 5 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 48 Adelphi-st., on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 2 o'clock.

O'CONNOR.—In this City, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, of scarlet fever, MARY ELLEN, youngest daughter of Francis and Rosalina O'Connor.

Funeral services at the residence of the family, No. 44 East 16th-st., on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 10 o'clock A. M.

FRAY.—In this City, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, ELIZABETH, wife of Eglantine Fray, aged 67 years and 1 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, on Wednesday afternoon, at half-past 3 o'clock, at the late residence, No. 118 South 4th-st. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment on Thursday morning. Feb. 19, at 8 o'clock.

BACKUS.—In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 15, at No. 20 Clinton-place, (8th-st.) JOSEPHINE, daughter of the late Joseph Backus.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from St. Ann's Church, Eighth-st., on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 1 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

BRUNSWICK.—In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 15, JAMES BRUNSWICK, in the 65th year of his age.

His relatives and friends, and those of his sons, are invited to attend his funeral, on Wednesday morning, Feb. 18, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of his son, DAVID BRUNSWICK, No. 1 Bond-st., near Broadway, without further invitation.

SMITH.—In Brooklyn, on Monday evening, Feb. 16, CHARLES H. SMITH, in the 60th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his son, Jay H. Smith, No. 216 Hicks-st., on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 60 Montague-st., Brooklyn.

BELLOW.—In Springfield, Ill., on Sunday, Feb. 8, MAJ. CHARLES J. BELLOW, grandson of Capt. Joshua Gee, and son of the late Rev. Henry W. Bellow, of New-York.

VAN WAGENEN.—In this City, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, MARY HATHAWAY, second daughter of the late Hubert Van Wagenen, Jr., in the 17th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 2 o'clock, from the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, 5th-st., corner of Madison-st., without further invitation.

WOODWARD.—In the City, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, SARAH F. WOODWARD, wife of John F. Woodward, of Mobile, aged 34 years.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, at Brooklyn, on Thursday morning, Feb. 19, from the residence of her brother, No. 111 East 18th-st.

WYCKOFF.—In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 15, at her residence, No. 4 Bond-st., JULIA A. O., widow of the late Elias J. Wyckoff, in the 72d year of her age.

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NEW-YORK, Nov. 6, 1862.

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NEW-YORK, April 11, 1862.

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUTUAL LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.

Office No. 94, Broadway.

FOR THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT OF the affairs of the Company for the fiscal year ending 31st January, 1863:

Net cash assets 1st February, 1862	$4,626,195 12
RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.	
For premiums and policy fees	$1,124,369 26
For interest on investments	229,625 29
For Annuities	5,614 00
Overpaid by Agents	1,322 64
	1,359,931 19
	$5,986,126 31
DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.	
Paid Claims by Death	$447,319 00
Paid Additions to same	24,622 12
Paid Surrendered Policies	24,622 12
Paid Annuities and Reductions of Premiums	19,470 00
Paid Profit and Loss	322 00
Paid Commissions	61,762 95
Paid Expenses, to wit:	
Exchange and Postage, Taxes, Advertising, Satchels, Medical Examinations, Law Expenses, Printing and Stationery, Rent, Coal, &c.	94,882 66
	$673,022 05
Net Cash Assets 1st February, 1863	$5,313,167 06
Invested as follows:	
Cash on hand, in Trust Companies and in Bank	$1,201,202 45
Bonds and Mortgages	2,433,656 00
United States Stocks	2,099,722 36
Real Estate, &c.	32,811 00
Due from Agents for Cash collected but not remitted	35,012 21
	$5,313,167 06
Add:	
Interest accrued, but not due	76,320 00
Interest due and unpaid	19,263 94
Deferred Premiums	176,121 00
Premiums in course of transmission	14,300 42
Gross Assets Feb. 1, 1863	$5,598,112 72

Increase in Net Cash Assets for the year, $688,966 52.

Number of Policies in force Feb. 1, 1863, 19,041, insuring the sum of $26,202,400, exclusive of Supplementary additions.

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.

Since the organization of the Company 1,107 deaths have occurred among its members, on whose policies the sum of $1,284,204 00 has been paid, of which $427,322 22 were paid as Dividends or Additions to Policies, and which does not include their participation in the apportionable distribution of surplus.

☞ The profits of the Dividend of the date of 1st February, 1863

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AS COOK.—A SITUATION WANTED AS COOK, by a young German; that understands all kinds of cooking; would be willing to assist in the washing; has been used to the best of City references; will stay for two days at No. 38 West 18th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.

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AS COOK.—SITUATION WANTED BY A YOUNG woman, as good family cook; is an excellent maid and pastry cook and can bring unexceptionable servant's and excellent references; would be willing to go in the country. Call at No. 134 Grand-st.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY a respectable Protestant girl as cook, or chambermaid and waiter; is a good hand at sewing and fond of children. Call at No. 373 10th-av., first floor.

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All persons who shall neglect to pay to the said Deputy Tax-Collector, duly appointed for the purpose specified, will be liable to pay ten per centum additional upon the amount thereof.

JOSEPH HOXIE, Collector Fifth District, State of New-York.

Dated New-York, Feb. 16, 1863.

THE COMMITTEE ON BELGIAN PAVEMENT of the Board of Councilmen will meet on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 6, City Hall, for the purpose of considering the following resolutions:

To pave Forty-seventh-street with Belgian pavement, from Third to Fifth-avenue.

To pave Forty-seventh-street with Belgian pavement, from Third to Sixth-avenue.

To pave Division-street with Belgian pavement, from Bowery to Ludlow-street.

To pave East-street with Belgian pavement, from Division to Stanton-street, one half at the expense of the property owners.

Also, Forty-eight-street with Belgian pavement, from Ninth to Eleventh-avenue, at the expense of the property owners.

JOSEPH McVAY, JOHN GUMMERLAND, JOHN BRICE, Committee on Belgian Pavement.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STREET COMMISSIONERSHIP DIFFICULTY.—The Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to investigate the difficulties giving rise to and attending the controversy concerning the possession and exercise of the office of Street Commissioner, and the property and for some time existing between Messrs. D. B. Conover and Charles F. Darling will hold a meeting on THURSDAY next, the 19th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Room No. 6 City Hall.

All parties desiring to furnish information in the Committee on the subject, will please be in attendance.

JOHN D. OTTSWELL, S. L. M. BARLOW, JEREMIAH MITCHELL, Special Committee.

THE COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS OF THE Board of Councilmen will meet on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., in Room No. 5, City Hall, at 8 o'clock P. M.

JOHN HOUGHTAUT, FREDERICK REFFEN, THOMAS BRADY, JOHN McDONNELL, JAMES SANFORD, Committee on Railroads.

THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY at Sixteenth P. M., in Room No. 6, City Hall. Parties interested in any sewer matter before said Committee will have an opportunity of being heard.

JAMES T. BRADY, A. A. ALLEN, S. A. JEREMIAH, Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every SATURDAY, at 8 o'clock, in the City Hall.

A. A. ALLEN, WILLIAM WALSH, Committee on Fire Department.

PROPOSALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, FEB. 12, 1863.

SEALED Proposals will be received at the Office of the Bureau of Construction, Washington, until 12 o'clock M., March 2, 1863, for GLASS, according to the following schedule of sizes and qualities. Samples of the kind of Glass estimated for to be furnished by each bidder.

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All the glass to be delivered at the Treasury building perfect and unbroken, and boxed in the usual way, free from quality. The whole to be delivered from the 10th of March to the 1st of April, as may be required. All bidders must send satisfactory guarantees of their ability to perform the contract, and the successful bidder will be required to give proper bonds for the fulfillment of the contract.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all the bids it considers for the interest of the Government to do so.

Envelopes containing bids to be indorsed, "Proposals for Glass, Treasury Extension."

ISAIAH ROGERS, Engineer in Charge Treasury Department.

ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE OFFICE, 119-AND GERARD-ST., PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS ARE INVITED, and will be received at this office, until 10 o'clock, on THURSDAY, the 26th inst., for furnishing promptly at the Schuylkill Arsenal:

20 Cavalry Standards with staffs complete.
200 Cavalry Trumpets with extra mouth-pieces.
100 Infantry (copper) Bugles with extra mouth-pieces.
1,000 Drum Cords.
[illegible] Regimental Color Sashes.
[illegible] Regimental General Order Books.
2,000 pairs of the above-named Boots now on the Schuylkill Arsenal. Bidders will state in their proposals, the time of delivery and quantity, bid for, and also the names of two sureties proposed for the faithful fulfillment of the contract if awarded, in consideration of which the contractors are invited to be present at the opening of the bids.

R. H. DEBORAN, Lieut.-Col. and Quartermaster, U. S. A., Depot Quartermaster.

ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE OFFICE, 119-AND GERARD-ST., PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS ARE INVITED, and will be received at this office, until 10 o'clock M., on SATURDAY, the 21st inst., for promptly furnishing the Schuylkill Arsenal:

[illegible] Sabres, 1 inch wide, suitable for Infantry Officers.
[illegible] Sabres, 1 inch wide, suitable for Cavalry Officers.
[illegible] Sabres, 1 inch wide, suitable for Light Artillery.
[illegible] Sabres, 1 inch wide, suitable for Heavy Artillery.
[illegible] Sabres, 1 inch wide, suitable for Musicians.

Samples of the above can be seen at the Schuylkill Arsenal. Bidders will state in their proposals the quantity bid for, and the time of delivery, and also give the names of two sufficient sureties for the faithful fulfillment of the contract, if awarded. Proposals are invited to be present at the opening of the bids.

R. C. M. Gatesill, U. S. A., Colonel and Ordnance Department.

ARMY, QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9, 1863.

VESSELS WANTED IMMEDIATELY TO carry COAL, to the following points:

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MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE, No. 7 N. 5th-st., PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7, 1863.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this Office up to 12 M., the 1st of March, 1863, for all the Iron Bedsteads required for the Medical Department of the U. S. Army, up to the 1st January, 1864. The bid must be in conformity with a pattern in this office.

E. MURRAY, Surgeon U. S. Army, Medical Purveyor.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE NEGRO?—The Anniversary of the National Freedman's Relief Association will be held at the Cooper Institute, on THURSDAY EVENING, 19th inst., at 7½ o'clock. Rev. Dr. Tyng will preside, and the meeting will be addressed by the President, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Rev. J. P. Newman, and other eminent speakers. The questions involved in the condition and destiny of the emancipated negro, so vitally connected with our national interest and existence, will be the prominent subjects of discussion.

G. G. LEIGH, G. C. SHAW, WM. A. BUTLER, Committee.

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WANTED—A GOOD, GENTLE, STYLISH MARE, to ride. Address, giving description and terms, L. D., Box No. 165 Times Office.

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AUSTRALASIAN, Grace, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Feb. 11.
ASIA, Grace, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Feb. 18.
CANADA, Lang, leaves Boston, Wednesday, March 4.
CHINA, Anderson, leaves New-York, Wednesday, March 11.

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Price of passage, in gold, $50; steerage, $35.

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CITY OF WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 7.
CITY OF BALTIMORE, Saturday, March 14.

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FOR HAVANA, VIA NASSAU, N. P.—THE British and North American Royal Mail steamship QUEEN, Capt. De Mesquita, will sail for the above ports from Pier No. 1, North River, foot of Young City, on MONDAY, March 2; SATURDAY, March 28.

Passage money to Nassau $25
Passage money to Havana 60

Payable in gold or its equivalent in currency.

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N. Y. AND FLUSHING RAILROAD.

Leave Jackson-ship Ferry, on Thirty-third-st. Ferry, at 7, 8, 11, 2, 4, 5 P. M.

Leave Flushing at 6, 7, 8, 10, 1 P. M., 3, 4, 5 P. M.

Freight received at Jackson-ship Ferry. Freight for warehouses must be received before 4 o'clock.

J. S. BOTTOMLY, Supt.

P. S.—A special extra night train will be run on Thursday and Friday, leaving Flushing at 10 M., and New-York at 11½ P. M. Fare 25 cents.

NEW-YORK, HARLEM & ALBANY R. R. FOR ALBANY, TROY, NORTH AND WEST.

Winter arrangement, commencing Monday, Nov. 17, 1862.

For Albany—8:30 A. M. express Mail Train, from 30th-st. station, returning, leaves Albany at 10:30 A. M.

For all local stations on the road, see time-tables.

JOHN BURCHILL, Supt.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—CHANGE OF TERMINUS.—Passenger Depot at Jamaica and Tout Sts.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT—Commencing FRIDAY, Oct. 31, 1862. Leave New-York at 8 A. M., for Greenport, Sag Harbor, Orient and Riverhead.

At 4 A. M. and 4 P. M., for Hempstead.

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On Sunday, a train leaves Hunter's Point (30th-st. Ferry) at 9 A. M., for Flushing and intermediate stations, returning, leaves Flushing at 6 P. M.

On Sundays, a train leaves Hunter's Point (30th-st. Ferry) at 4 P. M., for Flushing and intermediate stations, returning, leaves Flushing at 6 P. M.

On Saturday nights, the 4 P. M. train will run through to Greenport, returning Saturday and Monday mornings at 6 A. M., arriving in New-York at 9 A. M.

ERIE RAILWAY.—PASSENGER TRAINS LEAVE PIER No. 2 CHAMBERS-ST.

7 A. M.—Express for Buffalo.
8 A. M.—Mail, daily, for Otisville.
10 A. M.—Way, daily, for Port Jervis.
4 P. M.—Way, for Middletown, Newburgh and Warwick.
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Way, and Albany, (with Express) 10:30 P. M.	Way, and Albany, (with Express) 10:31 P. M.

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HARLEM AND DELAWARE BAY RAILROAD.—On and after Monday, Feb. 2, the new and fast steamer THOMAS COLLYER, will leave New-York, foot of Barrow-st., at 4 P. M., for Long Branch, Manchester and Atlantic City, stopping at the above-named ports. For passage and all other points on that road, at 4 P. M., for Long Branch, Red Bank, Manchester and intermediate stations.

NORTHERN R. R. OF N. JERSEY.—TRAINS leave Jersey City for Piermont and Monsey at 8:15 A. M. and 4:30 P. M., for Piermont, 11:15 and 6:30 P. M., for Montvale, 6:45 A. M. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD.—Steamboat leaves Peck-slip, foot of E. Twenty-first-st., daily, at 11 o'clock A. M., or upon the arrival of the cars from New-York. Freight received at any time. Passage, $1.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST.—A PROMISSORY NOTE MADE BY J. [illegible] in favor of Samuel Newman, Underhill & Cooper, and indorsed by them, dated Nov. [illegible], 1862, at four months for Two Hundred and Fifty-seven Dollars. All persons are cautioned against use of same, as payment has been stopped.

AMUSEMENTS.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.

TO-NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, POSITIVELY THE FIFTH AND LAST WEEK OF THE GREAT TRAGIC ACTRESS, MISS BATEMAN, who will appear THIS EVENING, for the TWENTY-SEVENTH TIME, in the LAST REPRESENTATION BUT THREE, in the beautiful and thrilling romantic drama, entitled, THE FOSTERER. In consequence of arrangements long since made, MISS BATEMAN can only be witnessed in her SUBLIME IMPERSONATION OF HERMIONE MAIDEN, FOR FOUR NIGHTS LONGER. Miss Bateman's creation of the character of Hermione has made her name a household word throughout the entire country, and has obtained an enthusiastic success of the most INTELLIGENT, REFINED AND FASHIONABLE AUDIENCES ever assembled within the walls of a New-York theatre. The play is throughout very pretty and exceptionally good, by J. B. Selwyn. Original music, composed expressly, by Mr. Robert Stoepel. Choice dresses and appointments by Madame Phillips and Wallis. THURSDAY—Fourth time, the popular comedy, LEAH, the Jewess. Miss BATEMAN will appear in her celebrated part, embracing the entire of Mr. J. W. Wallack, Jr., Mr. Edwin Adams, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Lanergan, Mr. Kirby, Mr. D. Anderson, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charles Thorne, and the admirable chorus. Doors open at 7. Commence at 7½. Performances commence at 7½ o'clock, affording ample time for the last train. In consequence of the GREAT DEMAND FOR SEATS, the public are respectfully informed that the box book is now open for any evening during THE FINAL WEEK OF MISS BATEMAN'S TRIUMPHANT ENGAGEMENT. Mr. WHEATLEY feels that he may congratulate himself upon the success which has attended him in entering upon A SECOND ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN CHILD OF SONG, CAROLINE RICHINGS, THE GREATEST NATIVE PRIMA DONNA OF THE PRESENT DAY. Her first engagement at this theatre was a PERIOD OF PERFECT TRIUMPH, lasting longer than any other, and was the every respect, pecuniarily and otherwise, a GREAT SUCCESS. He begs to inform the public that the first musical work which will be produced after the engagement will be BALFE'S GREAT OPERA, BATANELLA, which has been in SEVERAL MONTHS IN PREPARATION. It will be produced under the direction of MR. F. BRIGHTWELL, On MONDAY EVENING NEXT, Feb. 23, WITH BRILLIANTLY NEW SCENERY, NEW DRESSES AND NEW APPOINTMENTS, And enriched by the addition of the MOST POWERFUL AND COMPLETE ORCHESTRA. The chorus will be NEW, NUMEROUS, And certainly unequaled, comprising the Will office as the LEADING ATTRACTION MLLE. GALETTI, The most [illegible] dancer of the day, MONS. MARETZEK, MAD. MARETZEK, MLLE. KATRINE, As well as other distinguished dancers, the whole being under the direction of the ADMIRABLE CHEVALIER MASTER DE BALLET, SIGNOR RONGANI.

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GERMAN OPERA, No. 455 BROADWAY. Director ..... Carl Anschutz. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18, JOSEPH IN EGYPT. Grand Opera, in 3 acts, by F. Méhul. Mad. Rosa Cora, Mad. Ostermann, Mad. Ortolani, Graf and Kronfeld, will appear in the principal roles. THURSDAY, Feb. 19, (Benefit of Mr. Graf.) FRA DIAVOLO, by Auber.

FAIRS.

LADIES' FAIR, OF THE SIXTEENTH BAPTIST CHURCH, (West 16th-st., near 6th-av.,) Feb. 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1863. AFTERNOON and EVENING. Admission 10 cents.

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THE WAR IN ARKANSAS.

Hindman's Army Completely Demoralized.

Three Hundred of His Men Frozen to Death.

St. Louis, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

A letter to Gen. DAVIDSON, from a person who accompanied a recent scout to Batesville, says that the rebel Gen. HINDMAN's army is utterly demoralized and totally broken. Three hundred of his people were frozen to death during their retreat from Van Buren. HINDMAN was once crowned in Vicksburgh, but his men returned to-day. Upward of 200 deserters were concealed in the brush, 20 miles from Batesville, which town, with a large majority of the people, is in favor of a permanent occupation of the country by the Federal army.

ANOTHER SCOUT TO THE ARKANSAS.

FORTRESS MONROE, Ark., Feb. 12, 1863.

Maj.-Gen. Curtis:

Lieut.-Col. SEWARD has just returned from a scout to Arkansas River. One hundred men crossed the river near the mouth of Frog Bayou, had a skirmish with Cavalry, dispersed, and scattered them. Then they marched two miles into the country, on the other side, destroyed the rebel camp and burned their stores. Afterward they attacked and scattered a part of GANNETT's command on this side of the river, eight miles east of Van Buren, killing several.

Gannett was attempting to cut off Colonel Seward's return, but has been killed himself recently. About thirty prisoners were sent forward. Our loss is one man badly wounded, and a considerable quantity of arms have fallen into our hands.

EM. LA RUE HARRISON,
Colonel Commanding Post.

NEWS FROM VICKSBURGH.

Brisk Skirmish near Lake Providence—Many Rebels Killed, and 30 taken Prisoners—Military Houses Captured, &c.

CAIRO, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

A special dispatch from Cairo, dated Wednesday last, says that a Federal scouting party met a body of the enemy five miles back of Lake Providence, which led to a warm engagement ensued. The Federals lost a few men. Many rebels were killed and 30 taken prisoners. Ninety horses were captured.

CAIRO, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The steamer *Polar Star* brings Vicksburgh dates of Wednesday. The work on the canal at Lake Providence and at Yazoo Pass was progressing.

The Ninth Wisconsin and Eleventh Illinois regiments were attacked near Lake Providence on Tuesday, by three rebel regiments. The latter were repulsed and a number taken prisoners; one account says as many as five Mississippi regiments.

The steamer *White Cloud*, bound from St. Louis to Memphis, was searched at Island No. 10, and a rebel mail found on board.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Arrival of Rebel Prisoners—The Gunboat Wyandotte Gone to Sea, &c.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Feb. 16.

About 400 rebel prisoners arrived here this morning on the Baltimore mailboat from Fort McHenry, and about the same number is expected to-morrow morning. The steamboat *State of Maine* will then convey them to City Point.

The United States gunboat *Wyandotte* went to sea this morning.

The schooners *Minerva* and *J. P. Dickerson*, which went ashore at Old Point in the recent storm, have been taken off by the wreckers, and the *Dickerson* sailed this morning.

Army and Navy Intelligence.

The Whitney battery *Keokuk* has had a new compositive railroad put on board and is now ready for sea. She will be completed next week, and the authorities regard her as one of the most valuable vessels of our iron-clad fleet. The statement that she had not sufficient means of egress from the engine-room is erroneous. Capt. RUTER will command her. The builder of the vessel has asked permission to accompany her South, so great is his faith in her efficiency.

The regular navy-built corvette *Jamaica* sailed for the South for the fourth time from Philadelphia on Monday. It has now been ascertained that it is the half with which there is so much trouble, and that the imperfections of the machinery are of a secondary character.

There are indications that the 11- and 15-inch guns recently awarded as monsters in their way, will be eclipsed by ordnance of twice their size. Contracts have already been made for 20-inch guns, and experiments are making for 25 and 30-inch. This, with gunboats, will at least show the progress of war on land and sea. Firing guns by electricity is another of the experiments of the few days past.

Capt. DAVID DAHLGREN, who is confined to his residence, and under orders for active service.

The consolidated of the Twelfth United States Infantry have been transferred from Fort Hamilton to the field. Lieut. R. B. MINTMAN, Regimental Adjutant, and Drum-Major WM. LOVE, with a drum and fife corps, and a detachment of recruits, sailed for Pittsburgh on Friday last, to join Maj. J. S. Burns, the senior Major of the regiment, who has been at Fort Hamilton in superintend the recruiting service of the regiment.

Six or eight officers of the Fourth United States Infantry, who for several months past have been on recruiting and mustering service in New-York, Vermont and elsewhere, have been ordered to join their regiments in the field. Among these officers are Capt. S. M. STROUD, for some time executive officer and commanding Quartermaster on Governor's Island; Capt. J. H. MCCLELLAN, Lieut. JOHN MCCLELLAN, officers in Chatham-street. Capt. SALTER has been relieved by Capt. WM. DONALDSON, Third Infantry.

The Alabama at Jamaica.

We have some particulars of the reception of the pirate Alabama at Kingston.

She remained in port for five days, and during that time one-fifth of her crew were on shore. The entire complement of men was 150, but great insubordination prevailed among them, and those on shore generally refused to return. It was with the utmost difficulty she could be induced to preserve the number of her crew and carry the ship out of the harbor. It would have been impossible to do so but for the co-operation of an English merchantman and navy officers. Confusion, who have orders to the Commodore of Police to have the recreant sailors and put on board, ran down on the Mount of Kingston hoisted the British flag, and the Commodore, fearing that the crew might take the ship, had to leave. All this done of the men, by that time had been returned to the Alabama by the police, in obedience to Commodore's order.

Her movement was frequently on board the Alabama during her stay at Port Royal in plenty about ten miles from Jamaica. He describes the vessel as a formidable craft, but certainly built for speed. Her armament consists of nine Blakely guns, of rather small calibre, and an equal number of rifled guns of her own.

Semmes and his officers had abundance of money, principally in gold. The demand Treasury notes which Semmes presented were refused, demanding in about eight days, were exchanged for gold at Kingston.

During her encounter with the Hatteras, the Alabama sustained serious injuries. The shot of the Hatteras penetrated twice through her bulwarks, and a shell pierced her stern just above the rudder, making an aperture three or four feet in diameter. Of this latter injury, however, her officers were not aware until they reached Kingston, though greatly puzzled during her trip from Galveston to understand why the vessel made so much water. The scandalous reception she had received from her British port was that soon for her equitable treatment. British neutrality therefore, was politely laid on the shelf for the time being.

The informant also says that the Alabama took in four hundred tons of coal and immense quantities of stores during her stay in port. She left Port Royal on the 20th of January.

It was reported at Port-au-Prince that the Alabama had made some or three new prizes within six days of her departure from Port Royal. This news was confirmed by persons from Jacmel, and it was added that two Captains of captured American vessels had been landed by Semmes.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Messrs. POMEROY, DAVIS, COLLAMER and HOWE presented petitions for more hospital and ambulance corps.

Mr. KING, of New-York, (Rep.) presented the remonstrance clergy at Tanner Hall, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and a petition asking for equal privileges to all telegraph companies.

Mr. COLLAMER, of Vermont, (Rep.) from the Post-office Committee, reported a joint resolution authorizing the collection of foreign postage in coin.

The Chair presented the resolutions which were adopted at the meeting held at the Cooper Institute in New-York, by Mr. THAYER and others, relative to the colonization of Florida.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.) from the Military Committee, reported back the bill recognizing the Engineer Corps. He also, from the same Committee, reported adversely on the bill to authorize contracts to be made with those States which have advanced pay to the soldiers.

Mr. WADE, of Ohio, (Rep.) from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to regulate the public amusements of the City of Washington.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Rep.) called up the bill to prevent agents of the Government, as well as members of Congress and officers of the Government, from taking any consideration for procuring place, office or contracts. Passed.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, (Rep.) called up the bill dividing Michigan into two Judicial Districts, and regulating the time of holding the Courts.

Mr. TRUMBULL opposed the bill.

After some discussion the bill was postponed.

Mr. GRIMES, of Iowa, (Rep.) called up the bill authorizing letters-of-marque and reprisal.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Rep.) from the Committee on Finance, reported back the Fortification bill without amendment.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to incorporate the Institution for the Education of Colored Youth in the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committee on the District of Colombia.

Mr. GRIMES briefly urged the passage of the bill for letters-of-marque. He contended that the propriety of establishing volunteer forces on the sea was the same as it was to do the same thing on land. It would do for the nations of the Old World, who depended upon large standing armies, to agree to treaties against letters-of-marque; but could we, of this country, afford to forego our ancient policy in this respect? There could be no difference between privateer or policy, whether captures were made by a seventy-four-gun ship or a fishing-smack. He was not prepared to give up our ancient policy, but he considered these favorable time to reaffirm our ancient doctrines of maritime rights. Though the rebels might have no commerce, yet they had vessels of war preying upon our commerce. But he frankly avowed that it was his desire to place on the record a general test on this subject, and to give the President all the power if necessary, to let slip the dogs of war, by letters of commission, with any Power. The people of the Northwest were truly loyal, and he believed he represented their wishes in upholding this bill.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Rep.) thought the bill, instead of upholding the ancient policy, would only tend to overthrow all the ancient traditions of the Republic, and bring new and difficult embarrassment upon the nation. This was a bill to establish privateers, whose only reward was booty, against an enemy, who had no commerce and no booty, and in his *centre to enterprise*. If more vessels were needed, he would have them hired and placed under the control of the Government, and not send out these self-regulating cruisers. He could see nothing but danger of complication with the great Powers, who had solemnly declared against this system of privateering. This nation had always declined to pass any general law on this subject, having always required a special act of Congress specifying a limited time. He quoted from a number of authorities against the principle of privateering, and contended that there was nothing to be obtained by this bill that could not better be obtained in another way. He would not say that the Government should never resort to this policy, but this was no time to adopt it.

Mr. MCDOUGALL, of California, (Dem.) could see no ground for the objections of the Senator from Massachusetts; unless on the hypothesis that he intended to the peace establishment. He could see no reason why in time of war, our most effective force on the sea should not be used against the enemy. He contended that it had been the policy of the country, instead of raising large standing armies and navies, to resort to volunteering on land and their most effective force on the sea. Our commerce to-day was in danger from the private armed vessels of the rebels. They had been followed by other rebels, to issue letters-of-marque and great commissions, entitling them to enter foreign ports, and yet we stood questioning whether we should grant power to private vessels to seize these vessels. If letters-of-marque had been granted at the commencement of the war, there would have been no running the blockade. He especially wanted the bill to pass, because he believed that before Congress met again we should be at war with a foreign Power, and should need all our force on sea and land.

Mr. COLLAMER, of Vermont, (Rep.) said one great objection to this system was that it seemed to be a remnant of comparatively ancient barbarism to send out vessels to take private property of the enemy on the sea. It was agreed now, by the ordinary laws of war, that the private property of an enemy on the land was not subject to capture. Civilization had made progress in war, and it would seem that the same rule would apply on water as well as on land. But had we been permitted to make this progress in civilization? If not, the fault ought not to be held responsible. Only a few years ago this nation proposed to the other nations of the world to make the law the same on sea as on land, and to exempt private property from seizure. But these nations refused to allow us to make this progress. Those nations which possessed such great naval forces, declared that the property should be subject to seizure by their great navies. But this country, whose policy had been against great navies, should not be allowed to seize this property by private vessels. If we did, we should be branded as barbarous. It should only be seized then by their great navies and for their benefit. But this was a principle which would not do, and by which this nation was not willing to act.

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